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君は見たか？
三千の怨霊を着装う十五歳の少年を！
君は見たか？
侵略と差別の中から立ち上がる正義を！
君は見たか？
愛よりも重く　夢よりも果てしない
戦士の本領を！
決して目を背けてはならない！

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A FIGHTER FOR JUSTICE WHO HAS NO FEAR, EVEN OF DEATH. HE IS A TRANSFER STUDENT AT GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL, AND ALSO A MASTER OF A MYSTERIOUS MARTIAL ART, ZERO FORM DEFENSE.

FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO"

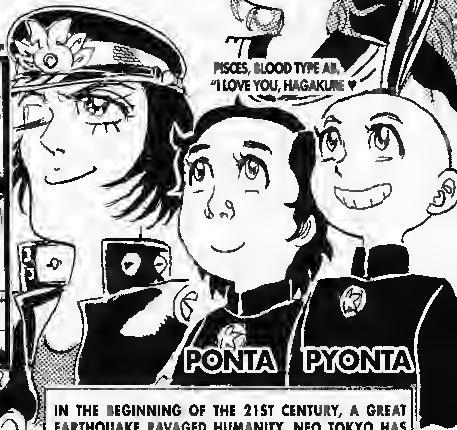
THE ARMOR, WHICH KAKUGO PUTS ON IN EMERGENCIES. IT WAS DEVELOPED BY JAPAN AS A SECRET WEAPON DURING WORLD WAR II.

KAGENARI

MISS HORIE

PISCES, BLOOD TYPE AB. "I LOVE YOU, HAGAKURE ♥"

HAOKA

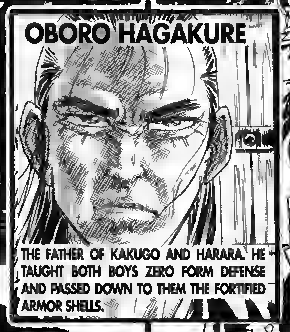


HAMUKO

TACTICAL FIENDS

HUMAN WEAPONS CREATED AT GARAN CASTLE TO ELIMINATE INFERIOR HUMAN BEINGS.

OBORO HAGAKURE



THE FATHER OF KAKUGO AND HARARA. HE TAUGHT BOTH BOYS ZERO FORM DEFENSE AND PASSED DOWN TO THEM THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS.

SHIROU HAGAKURE

KAKUGO AND HARARA'S GREAT GRANDFATHER. HE WAS A LEADING FIGURE OF THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY. HE DEVELOPED THE ZERO FORM DEFENSE AND FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS TO CONQUER THE WORLD.

DOKUMAGURO

EIKICHI

PONTA

PYONTA

IN THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY, A GREAT EARTHQUAKE RAVAGED HUMANITY. NEO TOKYO HAS NOW BECOME A RUTHLESS LAND. KAKUGO AND ZERO FIGHT TO PROTECT THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE THE HAND OF EVIL!

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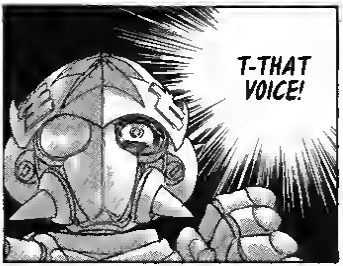
HAH!

ERGH!
UGH!
FOUR ATTACKS IN MID-AIR
COULD IT BE...
WHAT?

HARARA!?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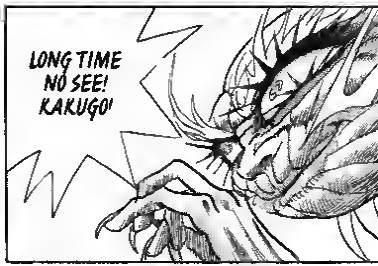
LONG TIME NO SEE! KAKUGO!

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DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN YOUR BROTHER!

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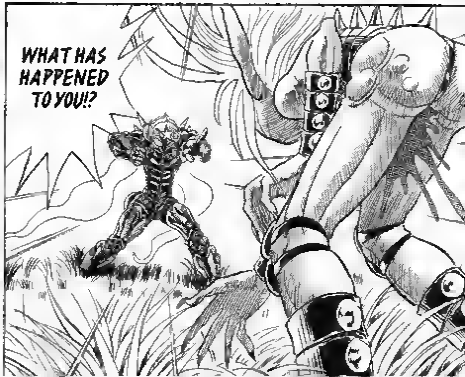
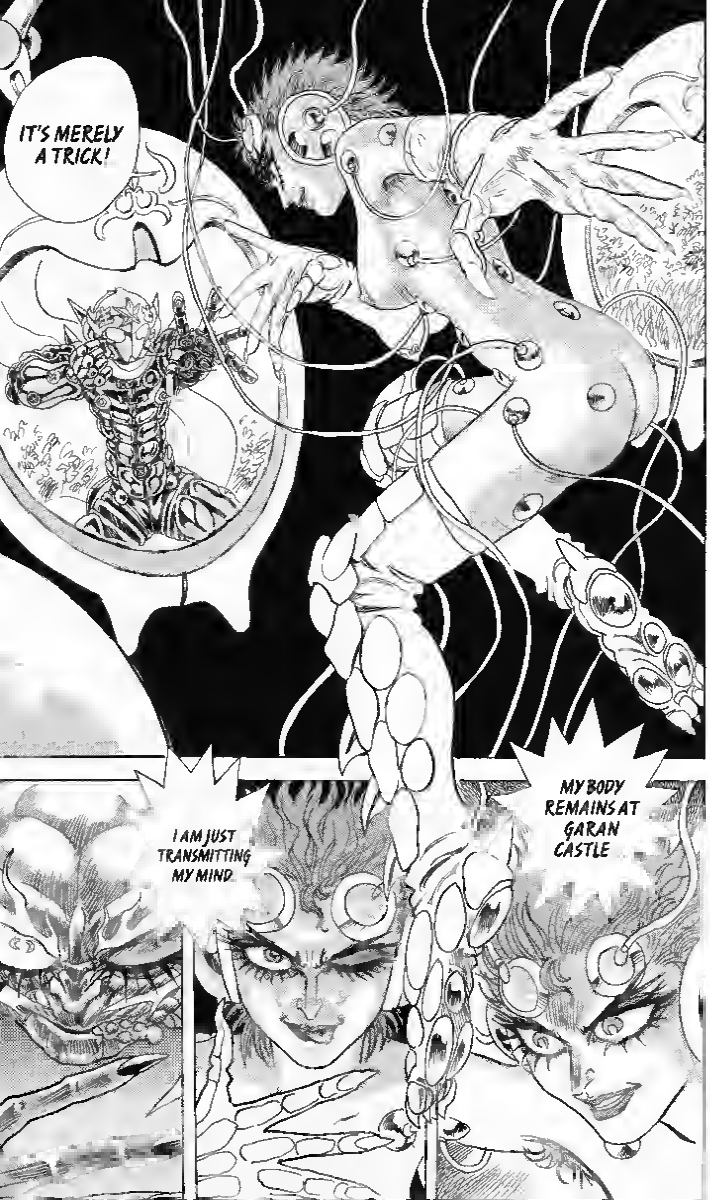
...THIS HORROR?
HOW COULD YOU FORGET ...
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO CAN DO THIS...
SPIRAL!

I RECOGNIZE YOU! HARARA, THE ARAHITO -ONI!

HAHA HA!

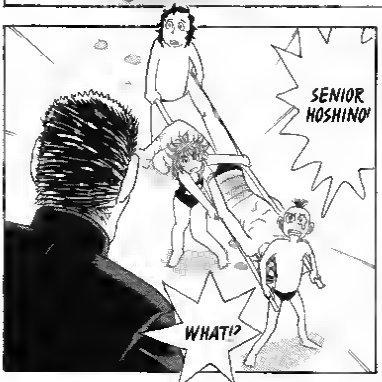

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU!?


IT'S MERELY A TRICK!
I AM JUST TRANSMITTING MY MIND
MY BODY REMAINS AT GARAN CASTLE

TAKING TOTAL CONTROL OF THIS BODY...
AND MANIPULATING IT AS I PLEASE.

HEH HEH HEH
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN WHAT AN INCONVENIENCE THIS BODY HAS BECOME...
YOU MUST BE ROTTEN TO THE BONE, HARARA!
IF YOU MUST USE SOMEONE ELSE'S BODY TO FIGHT YOUR BATTLES...
HOW PAINFUL IT MUST BE, MASTER HARARA!
IT TICKLES WHERE YOU CASTRATED ME

HAOKA!
DON'T SHAKE IT LIKE THAT, OR HIS ORGANS WILL COME OUT!
WE GOTTA HURRY UP, OR HE'LL DIE!


SENIOR HOSHINO!
WHAT!?

WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
CLASS IS IN SESSION!

AN INTRUDER IS ON CAMPUS?
I'M ON IT!

THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT AT THE STERILIZING POOL

SPIRAL!
SUPER
SONIC
VIBRATION!
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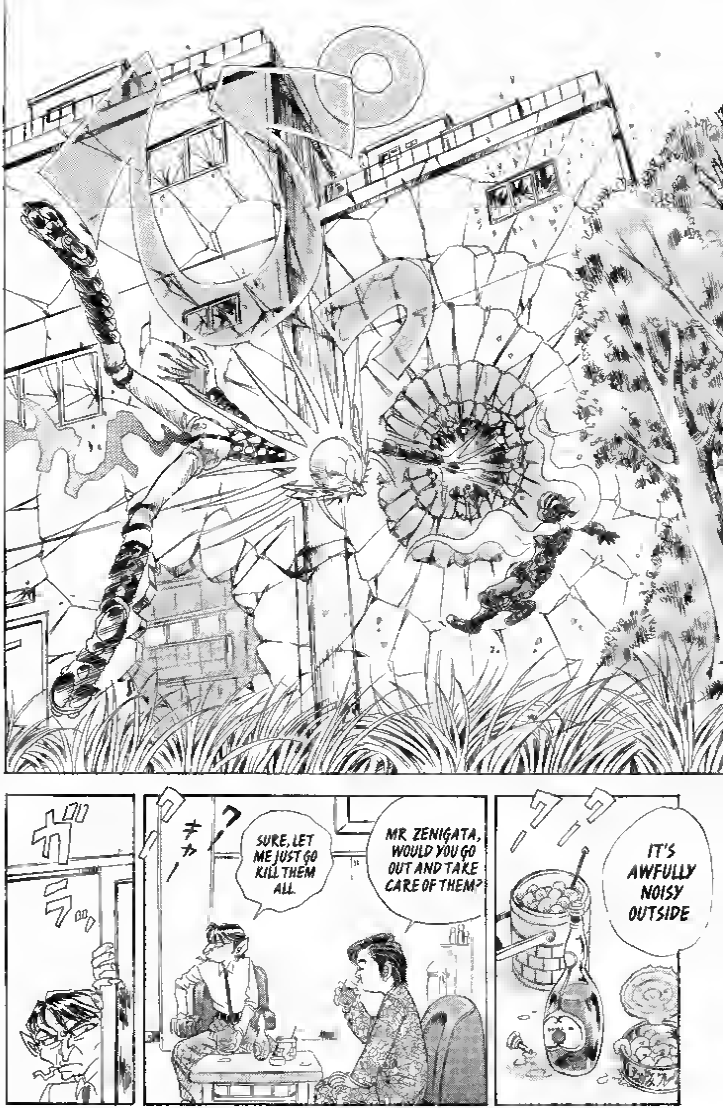
OH NO!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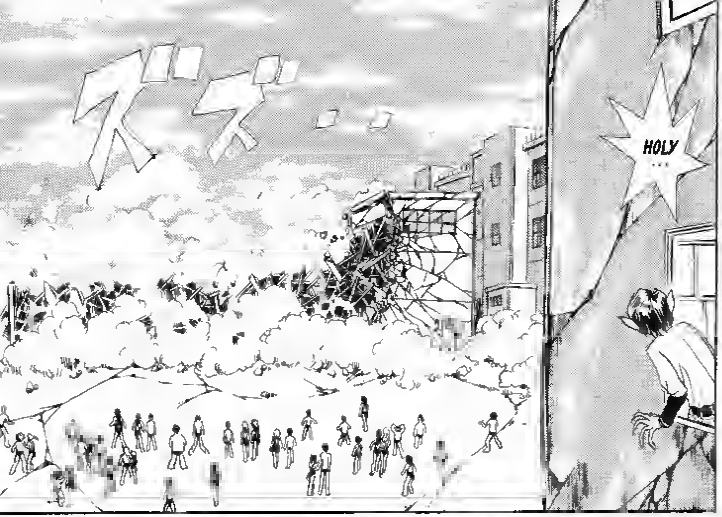
キカ!?
SURE, LET ME JUST GO KILL THEM ALL.
MR. ZENIGATA, WOULD YOU GO OUT AND TAKE CARE OF THEM?
IT'S AWFULLY NOISY OUTSIDE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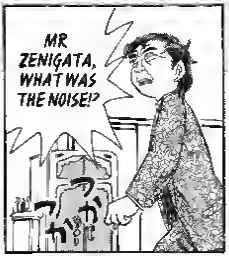
HOLY...

IT'S GONE, PRINCIPAL.
OH MY GOODNESS!


MR ZENIGATA, WHAT WAS THE NOISE!?
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THIS IS BAD...
NO WAY!
HEY LOOK! THE STERILIZING POOL'S GONE!

WHAT IS THE MATTER? KAKUGO!
HEH HEH HEH...
THE INFRARED STERILIZING POOL
IT PROBABLY WAS THE LIFELINE OF THE STUDENTS!
WITHOUT IT, THE STUDENTS WITH WEAK IMMUNE SYSTEMS WILL BE INFECTED BY THE VIRUSES SPREADING THROUGH NEO TOKYO.
I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STUDENTS OF THIS SCHOOL.
SO WHAT?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE KILLED THEM ON THE SPOT!
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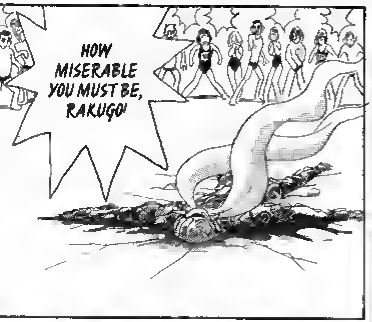
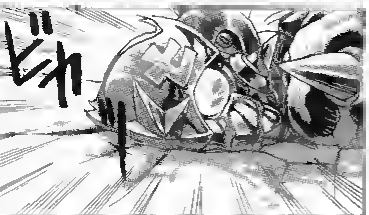
THEY ARE AS USELESS AS WEEDS!
UGH!
THOUSAND HAND STRIKE!

SPIN!


HOW MISERABLE YOU MUST BE, RAKUGO!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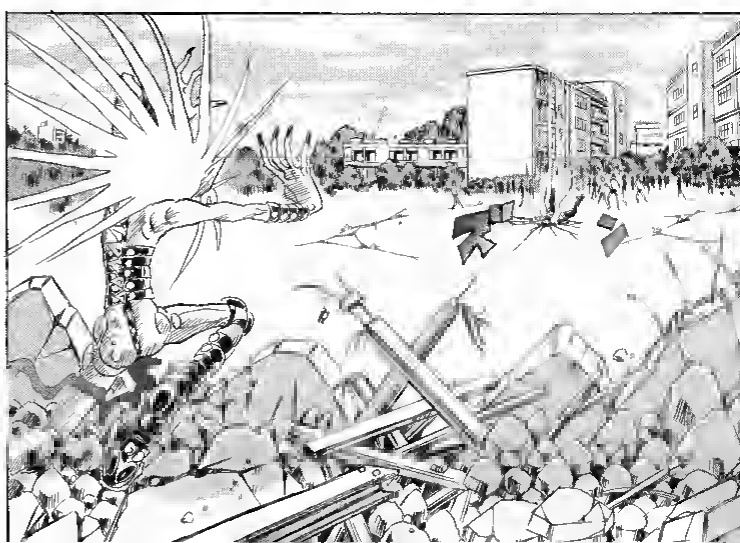
THE MOMENT YOU LET YOUR MIND WANDER WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO EXECUTE MY ATTACK!!



YOU MUST LET YOUR FEET FEEL YOUR ANGER...
YOU MUST NOT HOLD YOUR ANGER INSIDE YOU.
AND LET IT BE YOUR FOUNDATION.

COULD HE BE THE GUY TSUMIKO WAS TALKING ABOUT THIS MORNING?
HE IS FIGHTING THAT MONSTER!
WHO IS THAT GUY IN THE ARMOR?
!!!
SENIOR HOSHINO!
CLEAR THE WAY
IT IS MY DREAM TO RID THE WORLD OF UNPLEASANT THINGS...
THERE IS NOTHING ELSE MORE UNPLEASANT THAN THAT!
I CAN HEAR THE WEEDS RUSTLING.

EVEN THE WEEDS ARE VALUABLE!

EPISODE TEN, IMPACT
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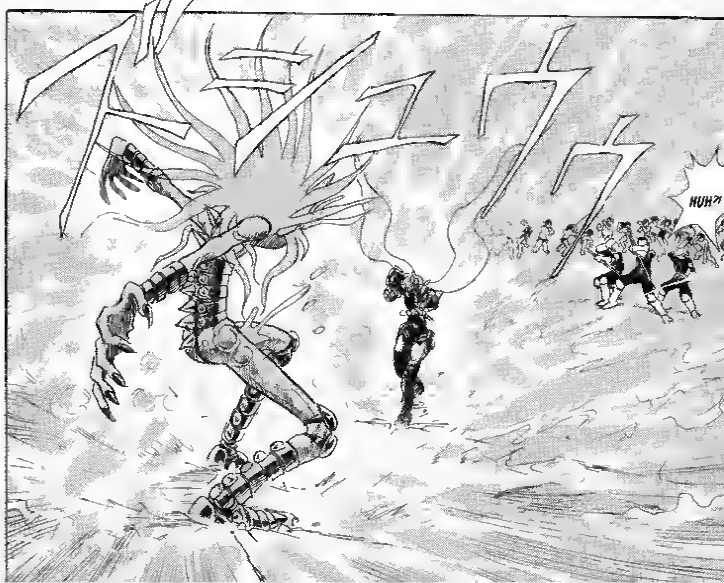
HUH?!

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CHAIRMAN! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I DON'T KNOW!
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!!
MATSUNAE!
KYUJOU!
どさ
THAT MONSTER IS KILLING THROUGH THE SHEER POWER OF ITS OWN WILL.

WE MUST STOP THAT MONSTER!
OUR SCHOOL IS IN GRAVE DANGER!
TEACHER ZENIGATA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOSHINO!
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO!
FORGET ABOUT THE SCHOOL! JUST GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
IF WE GET CLOSE TO THEIR BATTLE, OUR HEARTS ARE SURE TO EXPLODE!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR FATHER'S WORDS?
YOU'VE GROWN, KAKUGO!
YOU WITHSTOOD MY ATTACK WITH GREAT DIGNITY.
IT IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO FANGS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.
ZERO FORM DEFENSE IS NOT A SWORD FOR YOU TO WIELD.
THEREFORE, WHEN YOU MUST USE ZERO FORM DEFENSE...

...IT IS TO ANSWER THE PRAYERS OF THE DEFENSELESS.

ARE YOU STILL FOLLOWING FATHER'S SILLY TEACHINGS?
I AM NOT THE ONE WHO IS FIGHTING THIS BATTLE!

WHAT!?
THE TRUE CREATOR OF ZERO FORM TAUGHT ME SOMETHING ELSE!
THE ZERO FORM YOU TALK ABOUT IS A MERE DREAM THAT OBORO CREATED.
...IS GOD'S CHOSEN AVENGER.
THE ONE WHO MASTERS ZERO FORM...
YOU...
I WILL SHOW THE WORLD WHAT REAL GRACE AND DISCIPLINE ARE!
ALL WILL BOW TO ME!
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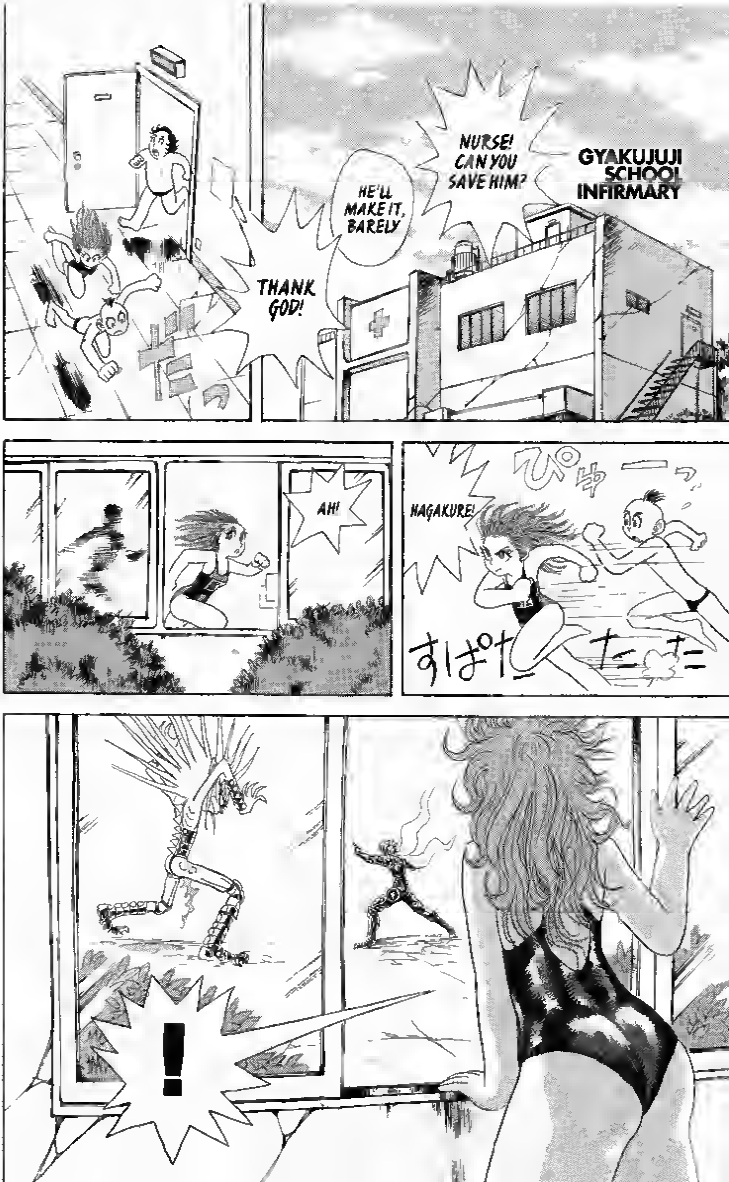
GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL INFIRMARY
NURSE! CAN YOU SAVE HIM?
HE'LL MAKE IT, BARELY
THANK GOD!
AH!
HAGAKURE!
!

THAT MONSTER SEEMS A LOT STRONGER THAN BEFORE!
LOOK.
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は！
HORIE, YOU CAN RUN PRETTY FAST FOR A FATTY.
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ON ME, HARARA?
YOU ARE GOING TO USE YOUR IMPACT?
I WILL MAKE YOU REALIZE HOW ROTTEN YOUR VISION IS!
HARARA!
I CANNOT CONTROL MY BODY!
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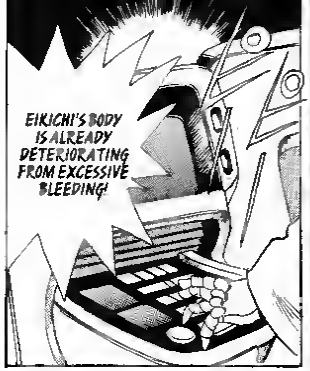
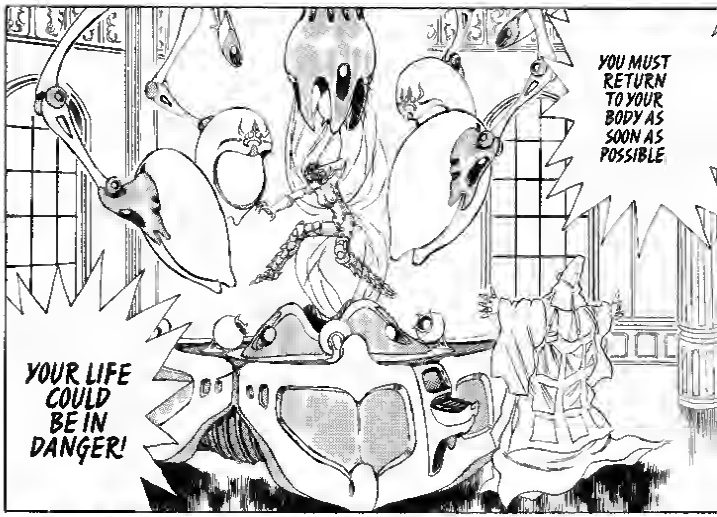
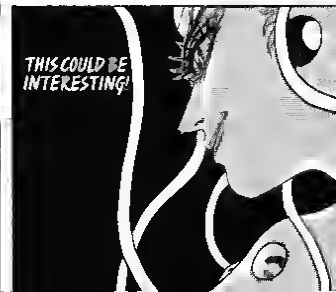

EIKICHI'S BODY IS ALREADY DETERIORATING FROM EXCESSIVE BLEEDING!

RIGOR MORTIS IS SETTING IN!


YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR BODY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
YOUR LIFE COULD BE IN DANGER!

YOU MUST TAKE MY ADVICE SERIOUSLY!
MASTER HARARA!


THIS COULD BE INTERESTING!

A CORPSE IS A GOOD MATCH FOR KAKUGO!
IT WILL RELIEVE SOME OF THIS UNBEARABLE BOREDOM!
RIGOR MORTIS IS JUST WHAT I NEEDED!

!

SPIRAL!

UGKH
MASTER HARARA!
IMPACT!

GGH...
HEH
HEH
HEH
YOU BARELY SCRATCHED ME.
どさ
どさ
LOOK!
AAH!

HUH!?
I... I CANNOT MOVE MY ARM.
WHAT AN ASTONISHING WILL TO FIGHT!
PREPARE TO DIE!

AAAA-
AHHHH!

OH!
YES!
IMPACT!
MY BODY IS A SWORD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO FANGS.

I DON'T NEED LOVE IN MY LIFE, BECAUSE I HAVE THIS ARMOR, WHICH I SHARE MY SOUL WITH.
I DON'T NEED A DREAM, BECAUSE I HAVE MY DESTINY CARVED DEEP INTO MY SKIN.

EPISODE ELEVEN, ZERO

EPISODE ELEVEN, ZERO
第十一話 零

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KAKUGO HAGAKURE
13 YEARS OLD
GRRR
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THAT BEAR IS IN THE ADVANCED STAGES OF NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION
JUST OBSERVE
KAKUGO WILL KILL IT IN A MATTER OF SECONDS
IT'S CHILD'S PLAY
OBORO HAGAKURE
50 YEARS OLD
HARARA HAGAKURE
14 YEARS OLD
IT SLAUGHTERED 120 ARMED SOLDIERS IN A SINGLE STROKE.
ITS STRENGTH IS PERHAPS EQUAL TO THAT OF A DINOSAUR.

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ズズーン

IF HE MAKES AN ATTACK TOO POWERFUL, THE BLOOD THAT SPURTS FROM THE BEAR WILL MELT HIS BODY
THE MUTANT BEAR'S BODILY FLUID IS SULFURIC ACID
HM?
KAKUGO, YOU MUST BE CREATIVE
ぐあーっ
KAKUGO!
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THE MISSION MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED AT ALL COSTS!
MY BODY IS THE MEANS TO VICTORY!
GET BACK! KAKUGO!
!
WINNING IS JUST A MATTER OF COURSE FOR PEOPLE LIKE US!
THE WAY YOU FIGHT IS TOTALLY REPULSIVE.

ZERO FORM!
ぐぉーっ
EXPLODING HEART, BATTLE ENERGY!
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パシュッ
びゅん

SPIRAL, ULTRA EXPANSION!
IF YOU CAN'T BE GRACEFUL, THERE'S NO POINT IN FIGHTING!
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むく
OH!
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A BATTLE CAN BE ELEGANT OR UGLY...
HNN!

HARARA, TELL ME IS THIS YOUR ZERO FORM?
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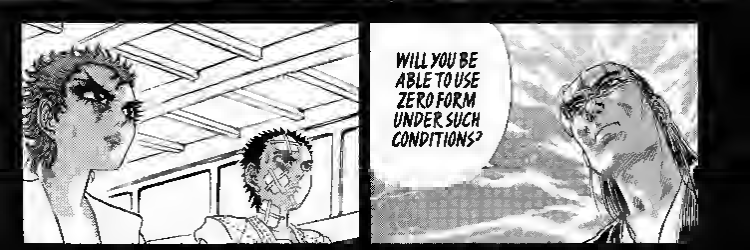
YES, SIR. I TRIED TO BE CREATIVE
SPIRAL WAS UNNECESSARY
THE BEAR WAS ALREADY DEAD FROM YOUR BATTLE ENERGY

葉隠
HAGAKURE
HARARA, KAKUGO.
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MASTERING THE ZERO FORM DEFENSE IN A SECLUDED AREA WHERE NO ONE DARES TO COME?
WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?
TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL.

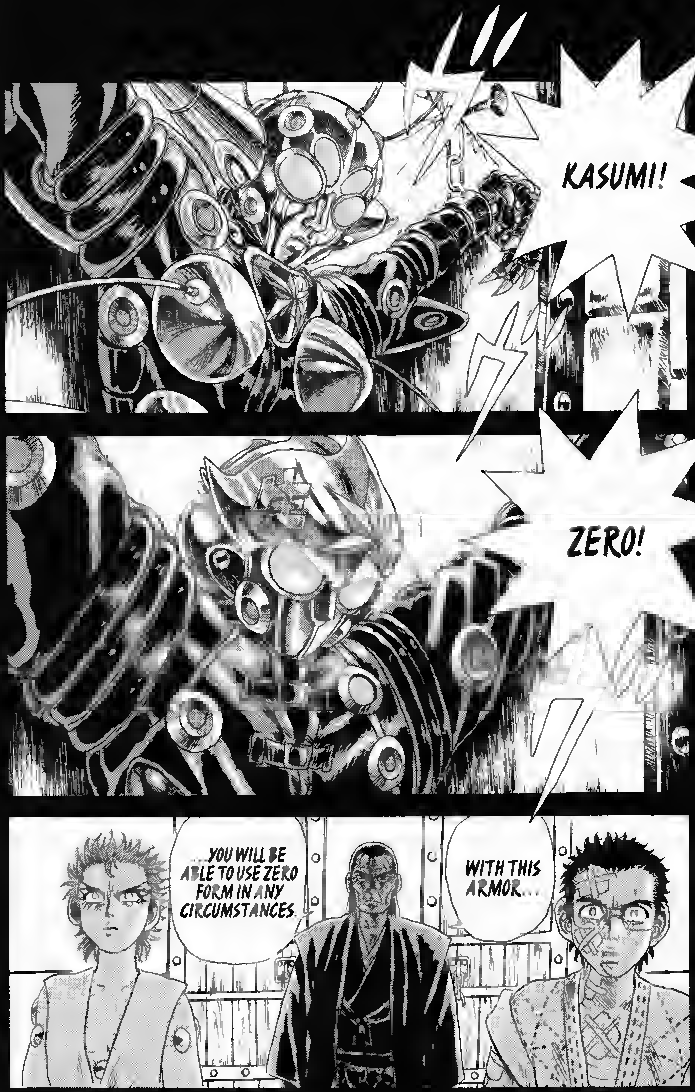
TO PROTECT THE DEFENSELESS.
TO DEFEAT THE EVIL THAT TAKES HUMAN FORM.
ZERO FORM IS FOR JUST SUCH ENDS
INDEED.
WE CAN EVEN WITHSTAND FIREARMS, AND YOU SAY WE'D DIE IN VAIN!?
WHAT?!
HOWEVER, IF YOU TWO FACED A REAL BATTLE, I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU WOULD DIE IN VAIN.
ON A BATTLEFIELD YOU WOULD BE LIKE A BUTTERFLY IN THE WIND YOU'D HAVE NO CHANCE
INDEED

A FLASH OF LIGHT WILL BLIND YOU.
THE SOUND OF EXPLOSIONS WILL DEAFEN YOU.
FLAME WILL BURN YOUR FLESH WITHOUT MERCY.
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BREATHE THE TOXIC GAS.
THAT IS A BATTLEFIELD.
YOUR WOUNDS WILL BECOME INFECTED BY BACTERIA.


WILL YOU BE ABLE TO USE ZERO FORM UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS?

AN ARMOR THAT WILL FILTER OUT UNSEEN POISONS!
WHAT YOU NEED IS AN ARMOR THAT WILL WITHSTAND THE INFERNO!
I'VE NEVER BEEN DOWN HERE BEFORE...
!
OPEN IT.

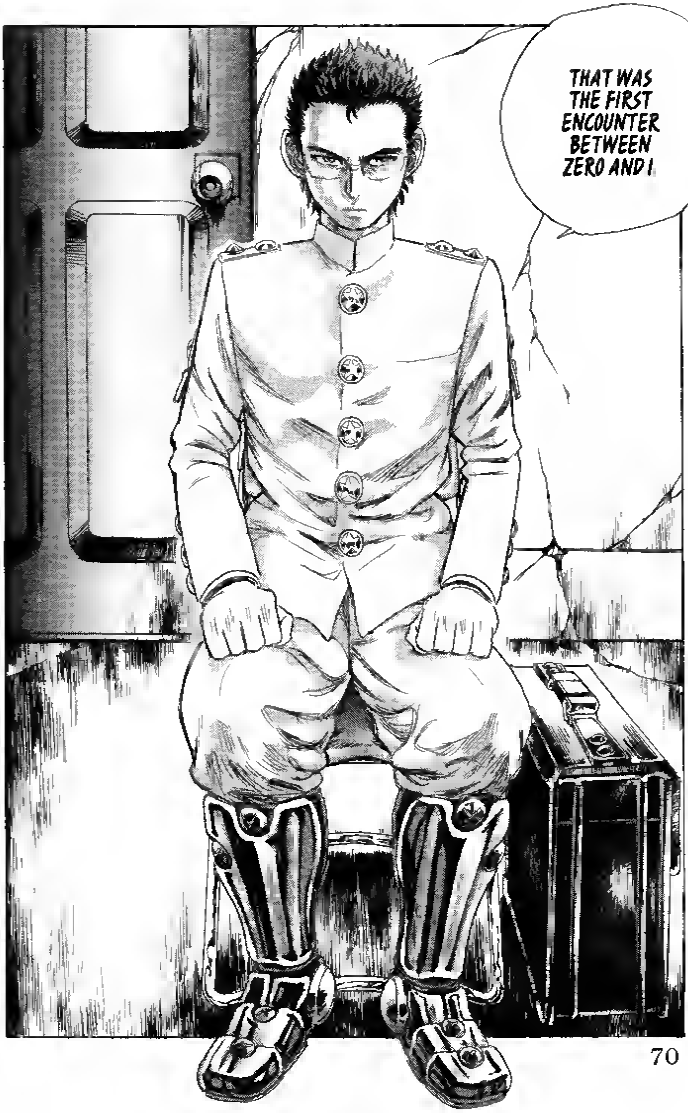
W-WHAT ARE THESE!?
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS


KASUMI!
ZERO!
...YOU WILL BE ABLE TO USE ZERO FORM IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
WITH THIS ARMOR...

THESE ARMORS ARE ALIVE!
I FEEL GREAT BATTLE ENERGY!
FATHER! LOOK!
!
ZERO IS SHEDDING TEARS OF BLOOD!
SO IS KASUMI!
THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS WERE SACRIFICED TO CREATE THESE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS.
IT IS THEIR STRUGGLE THAT IS BEING SHED AS TEARS OF BLOOD.

IT IS THE AGGRESSION THAT IT DETESTS.
NO.
I FEEL THAT KASUMI DETESTS ME!
IF YOU UNDERSTAND HOW THE ARMOR FEELS, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING YOU MUST DO
I CANNOT STOP CRYING WHEN I LOOK AT ZERO!
IT WILL BE THEN THAT YOU WILL ACT!
WHEN THE TIME COMES; WHEN THE BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT IS SHED BY THE ARAHITO-ONI....

YES, SIR!
YES, SIR!
SALUTE THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL!


THAT WAS THE FIRST ENCOUNTER BETWEEN ZERO AND I.

第十二話　運命
EPISODE TWELVE, DESTINY

NEO TOKYO
SECTION 04

GET TO WORK!
GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL

THE STERILIZING POOL IS COMPLETELY GONE
WELL, AT LEAST THERE WAS NO FIRE

HEY, THIS RADIO STILL WORKS!
DROP DEAD ZENIGATA!

I'M NOT GONNA DO A GODDAMN THING! THIS IS YOUR SCHOOL!
PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT!

OH DEAR...
WE'RE GONNA BREED GIANT RATS HERE...
SIR, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE THIS SITE FOR?
WE GOTTA EAT AS MUCH AS WE CAN AND BUILD UP OUR STRENGTH.
DAD...
PEOPLE WERE BURIED IN DEBRIS...
REMEMBER? WE MOVED DEBRIS LIKE THIS EVERYDAY BACK THEN

THAT'S NOT FAIR, PYONSUKE.
HEY!
OOOH!
YOU CAN'T BE THE FIRST TO CRY.
DAMN IT! WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS?
THEY ARE STRONG LITTLE BASTARDS. AFTER ALL, THEY SURVIVED THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE.
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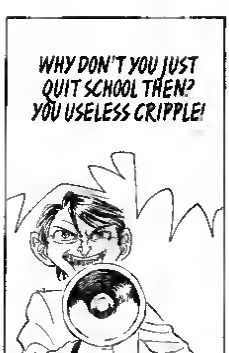
WHY DON'T YOU JUST QUIT SCHOOL THEN? YOU USELESS CRIPPLE!

YOU MOTHER-

WHY AM I BEING FORCED TO WORK LIKE A SLAVE?
I JUST HAD MY STOMACH SLIT OPEN!
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WATCH IT!
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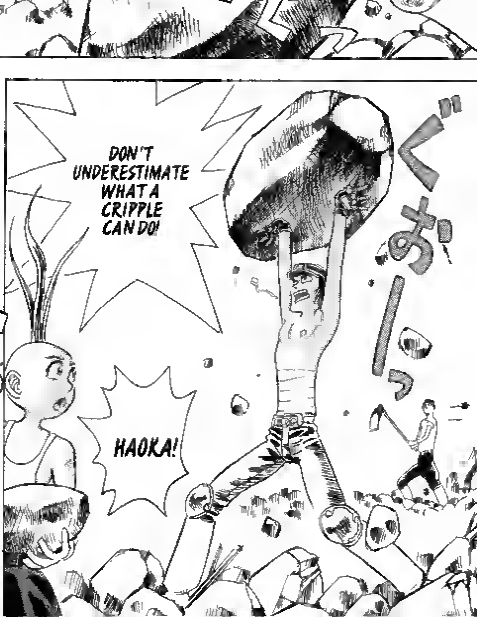
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE WHAT A CRIPPLE CAN DO!
HAOKA!
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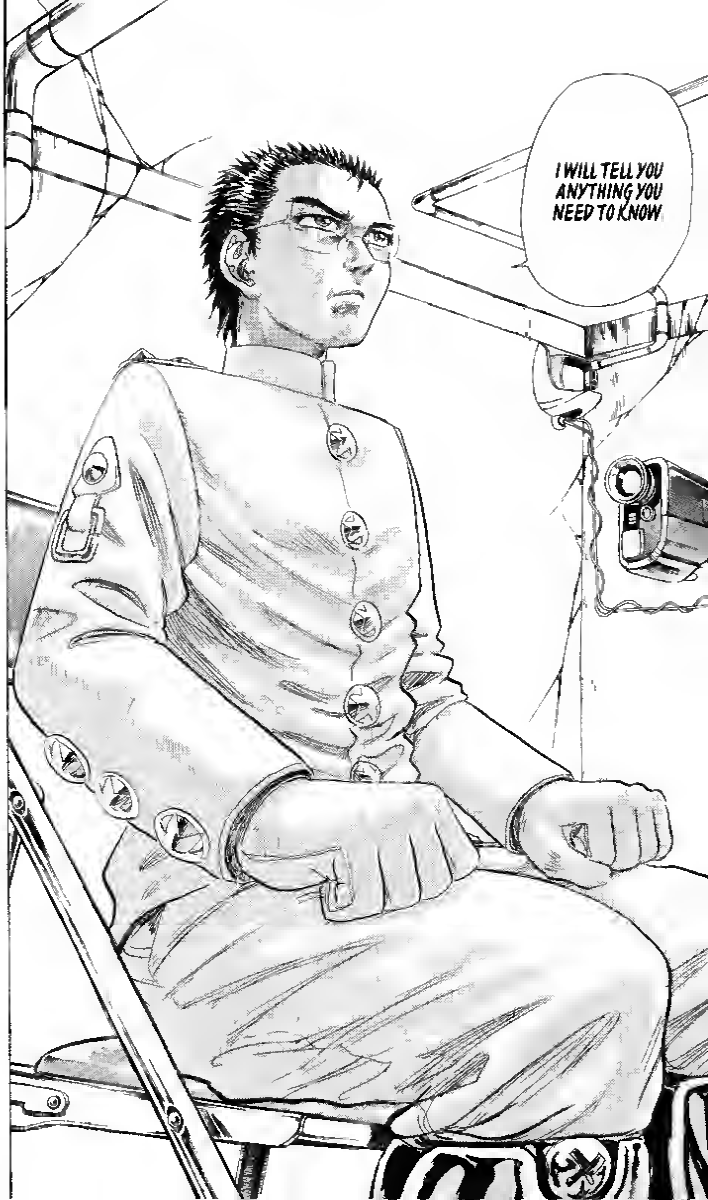
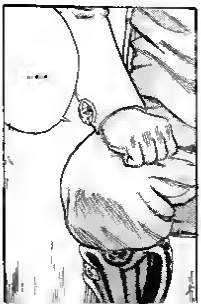
HE'S THE ONE WHO WRECKED THIS PLACE!
BY THE WAY...
WHERE THE HELL DID HAGAKURE GO?
INTERVIEW ROOM 2
WHO ARE YOU? AND WHAT WAS THAT MONSTER?
WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK YOU THIS...
THE DESTRUCTION OF THE STERILIZING POOL WILL SOON BEGIN TO TAKE ITS TOLL ON US
AS RESULT OF THE FIGHT BETWEEN YOU AND THAT MONSTER, FOUR OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES


I WILL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

THE DATA WE RECEIVED FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE MENTIONED NOTHING ABOUT ZERO FORM DEFENSE OR THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL.
TELL US ABOUT THEM

I MUST TELL YOU THE STORY OF HOW I CAME TO WEAR IT THE FIRST TIME.

WHAT KIND OF ARMOR IS THIS FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL?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UNDERGROUND AIR-RAID SHELTER AT THE HAGAKURE COMPOUND
YOU MUST SPEND 90 DAYS IN THE CELL WITH THE ARMOR!
KAKUGO! HARARA!

NOW THE DOORS CANNOT BE OPENED FROM THE INSIDE!

THE TEMPERATURE IN THE CELL IS MINUS 70 DEGREES CELSIUS. KAKUGO HAS NOTHING TO EAT OR WEAR. ALL HE CAN DO IS SIT, FACING ZERO.
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO", WEIGHT 90 KG, COMPLEX ARMOR, MALLEABLE TITANIUM ALLOY
CAPABILITIES WHEN WORN: HEAT-PROOF, COLD-PROOF, BULLET-PROOF, TOXIC-PROOF, EQUIPPED WITH A LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM AROUND THE WAIST, WHICH CAN KEEP THE WEARER ALIVE FOR 40 DAYS
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY FOR ME TO SURVIVE!
THAT IS TO BECOME ONE WITH ZERO!

THERE IS NO OPENING IN THE ARMOR.
BUT I WAS NOT TOLD HOW...
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HOW CAN I BECOME ONE WITH YOU?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
ZERO...
YOUR BODY IS SO COLD...
TEARS OF BLOOD...

LET ME WARM YOU UP.
ZERO ABSORBED KAKUGO'S BODY HEAT.
AND SOON KAKUGO LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
I DO NOT KNOW HOW MUCH TIME HAD PASSED.
BUT WHEN I OPENED MY EYES AGAIN...

IT'S WARM!
ZERO!?
IT FEELS LIKE ANIMAL'S INTESTINES...
ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT ME?

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ARE YOU TELLING ME TO PUT THIS LEFT ARM ON!?
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IT SWALLOWED MY ARM!
WHAT POWERFUL SUCTION! AN AVERAGE MAN'S BONES WOULD HAVE BEEN CRUSHED TO PIECES!
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CRUSH ME!
I WILL NOT RESIST!

EVEN IF MY BODY IS BROKEN INTO PIECES, I AM DESTINED TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU!!
HUH!?
SOMETHING IS ENTERING MY BODY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ZERO!

HARARA!
KAKUGO!
EVEN IF YOUR FLESH GETS TORN APART, AND YOU SHED TEARS OF BLOOD, YOU MUST PUT IT ON!

EPISODE THIRTEEN,
BECOME ONE WITH STEEL
第十三話
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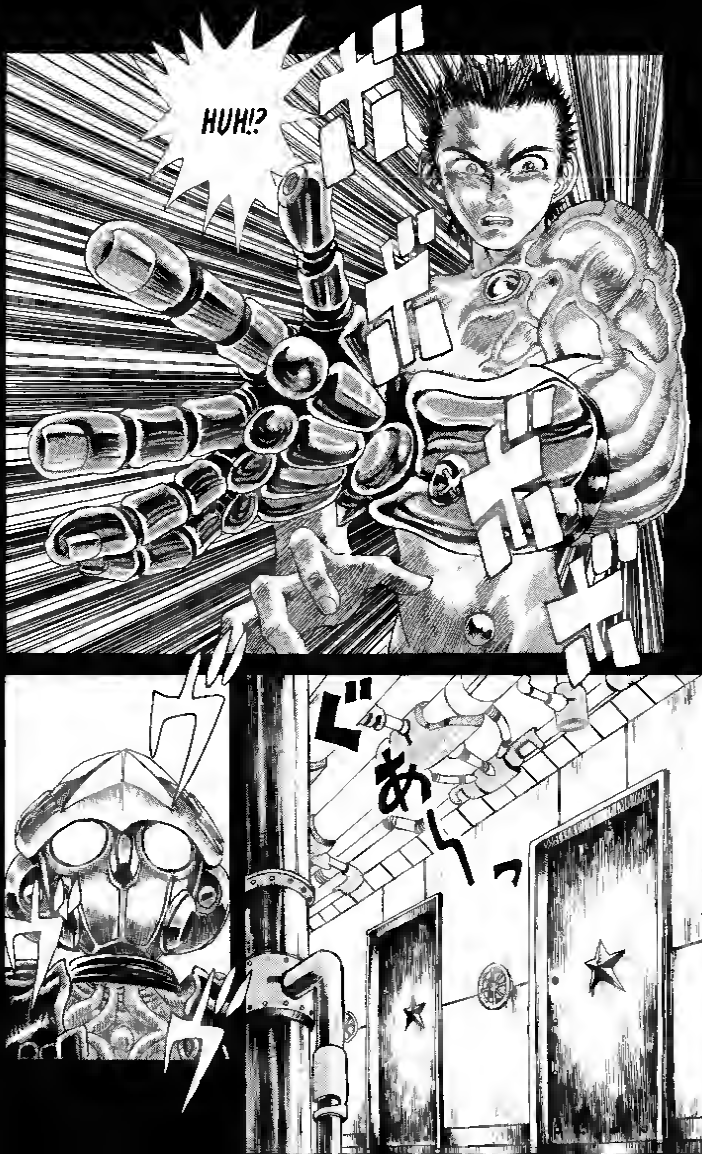
IF YOU AREN'T WORTHY OF THE ARMOR, YOU WILL BE SACRIFICED TO IT.
ONLY A WORTHY WARRIOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEAR IT.
THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL HAS A WILL OF ITS OWN.

KAKUGO! HARARA!
SHOW THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL WHAT A TRAINED WARRIOR CAN DO!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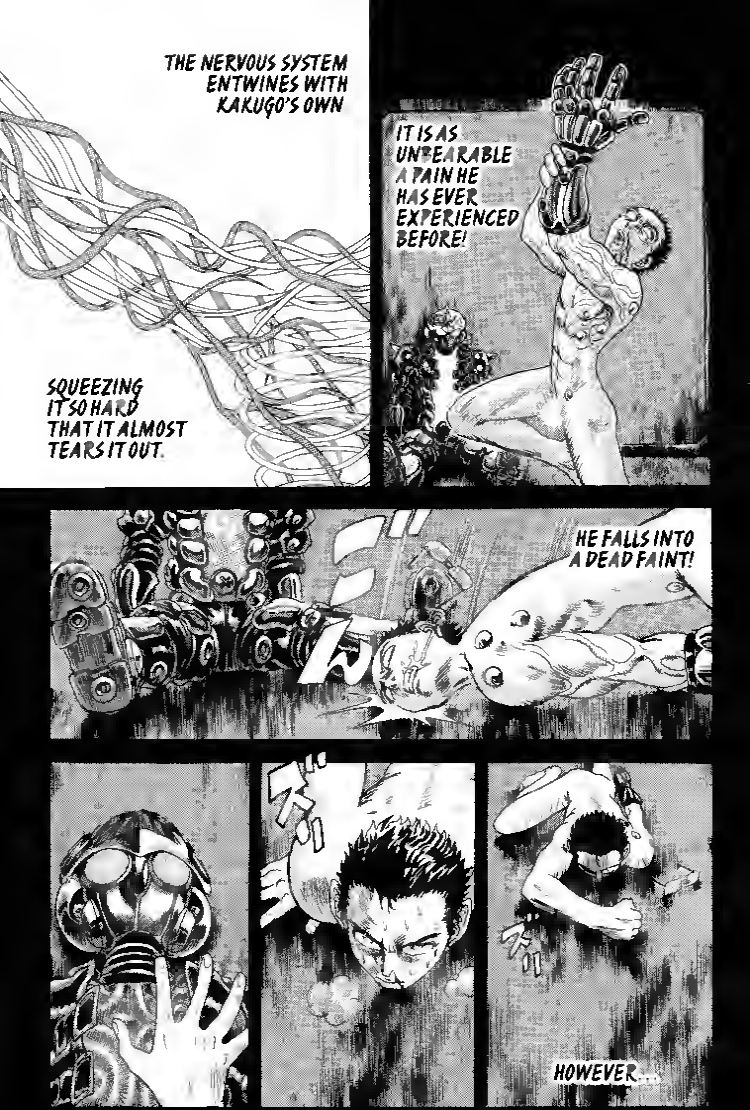
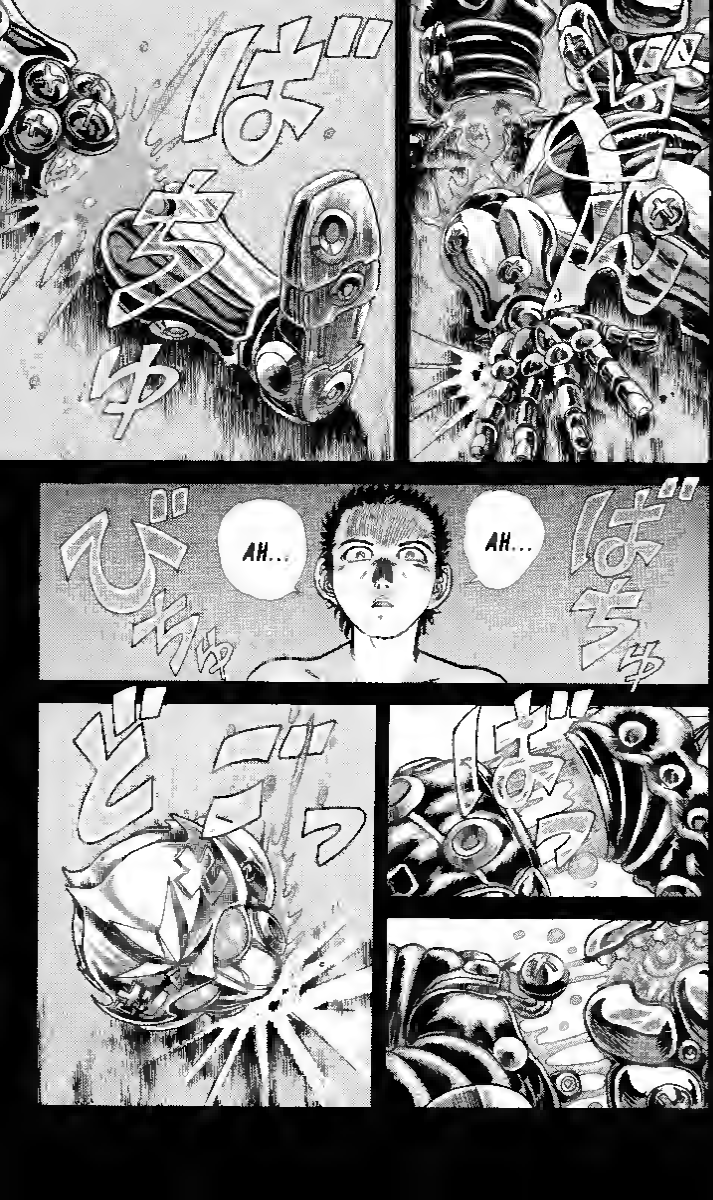

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM ENTWINES WITH KAKUGO'S OWN
SQUEEZING IT SO HARD THAT IT ALMOST TEARS IT OUT.
IT IS AS UNBEARABLE A PAIN HE HAS EVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE!
HE FALLS INTO A DEAD FAINT!
HOWEVER...

WHAT'S NEXT?
WHICH PART IS NEXT?
"THE WORD "KAKUGO" MEANS SUPERNATURAL DETERMINATION, A DETERMINATION TO WITHSTAND PAIN AND SUFFERING.


AH...
AH...

THE IMPACT OF PUTTING JUST THE LEFT ARM ON KNOCKED HIM UNCONSCIOUS!
IT IS CLEAR WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO HIM IF HE PUT ON ALL THE SECTIONS!
DEATH!
BUT SURPRISINGLY...
AT THAT MOMENT, KAKUGO WAS NOT THINKING ABOUT HIMSELF AT ALL
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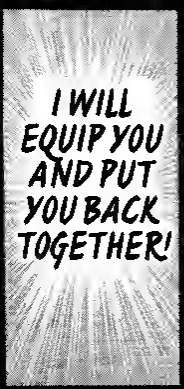
ZERO!
THE SYMPATHY HE FEELS FOR THE DISASSEMBLED ZERO IS GREATER THAN HIS CONCERN FOR HIMSELF!


I WILL EQUIP YOU AND PUT YOU BACK TOGETHER!

I WILL PUT YOU BACK TOGETHER!

HIS ATTITUDE CAN NO LONGER BE DESCRIBED AS COMPASSION.
ONLY A TRUE WARRIOR WHO HAS NO FEAR OF DEATH CAN DEVOTE HIMSELF SO.

HE WAS ABLE TO ENDURE THE PAIN.
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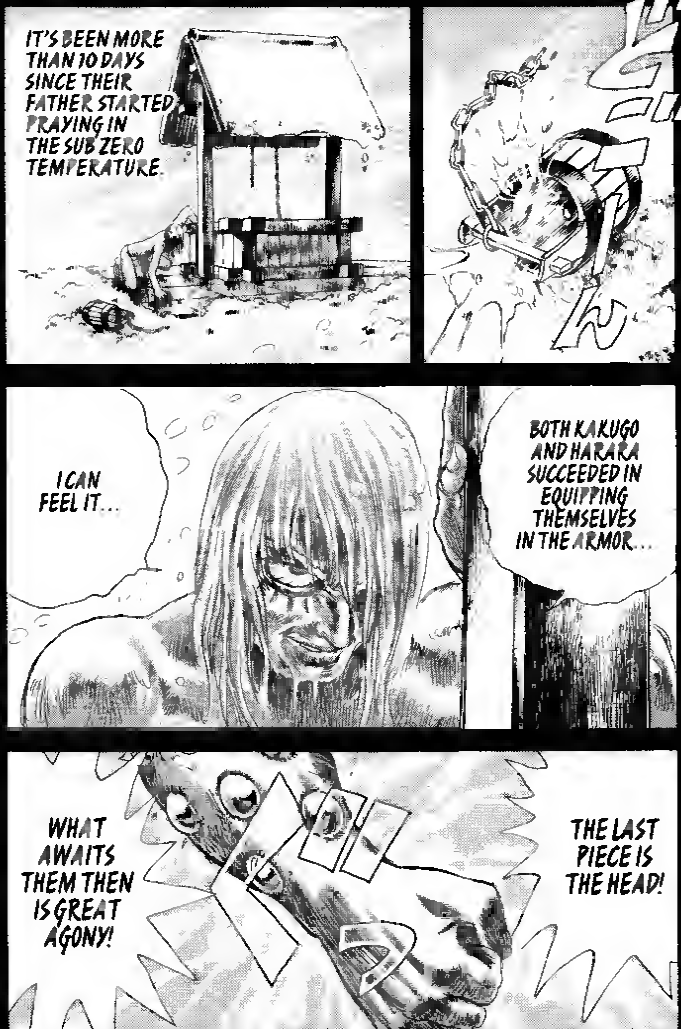
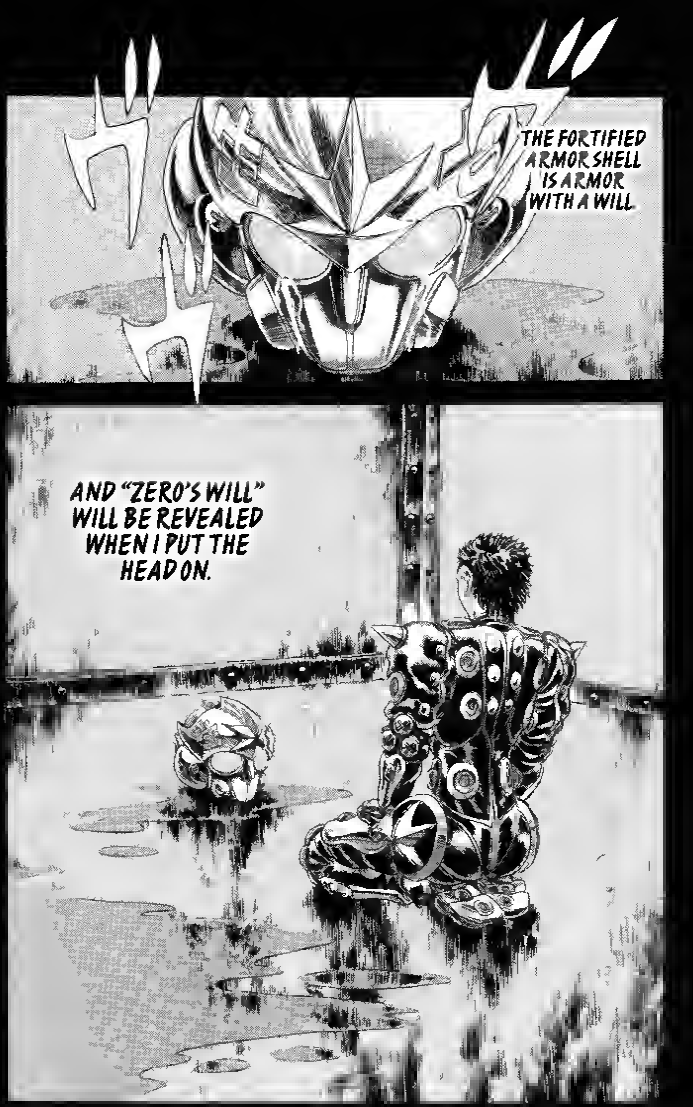
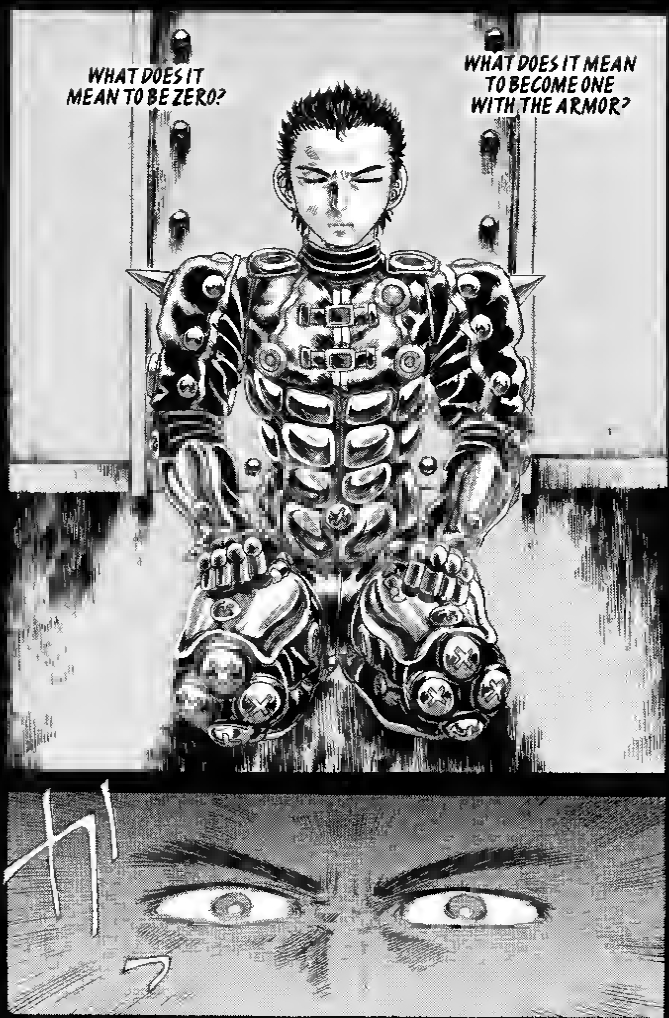
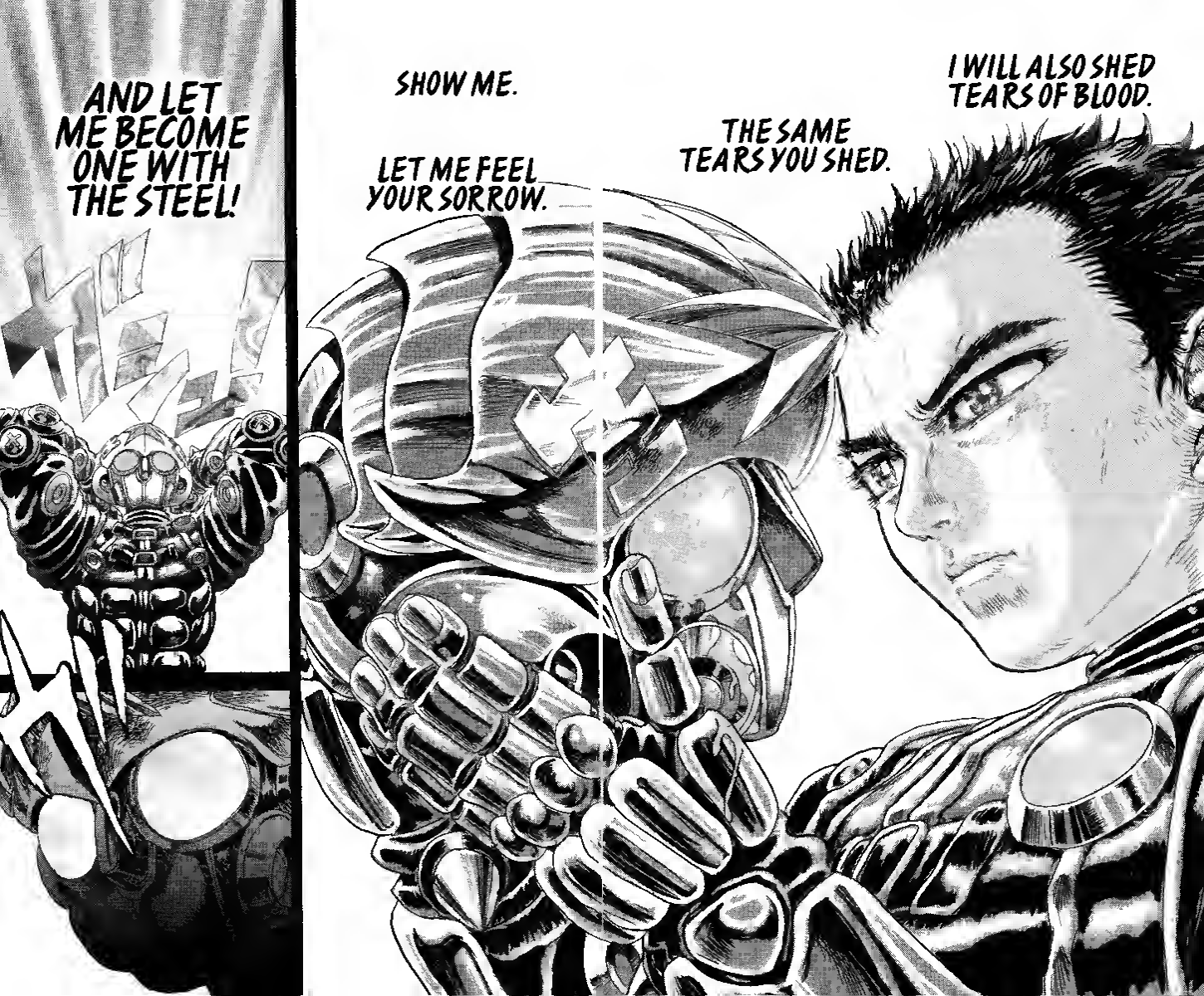
"YOU ARE WORTHY!"
ZERO SEEMS TO SPEAK....


IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 10 DAYS SINCE THEIR FATHER STARTED PRAYING IN THE SUB ZERO TEMPERATURE.
I CAN FEEL IT...
BOTH KAKUGO AND HARARA SUCCEEDED IN EQUIPPING THEMSELVES IN THE ARMOR...
WHAT AWAITS THEM THEN IS GREAT AGONY!
THE LAST PIECE IS THE HEAD!

I, OBORO, BESEECH GOD FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...
PLEASE LET MY CHILDREN BECOME ONE WITH THE LIVING ARMOR SAFELY!


THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL IS ARMOR WITH A WILL
AND "ZERO'S WILL" WILL BE REVEALED WHEN I PUT THE HEAD ON.


WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ZERO?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME ONE WITH THE ARMOR?


AND LET ME BECOME ONE WITH THE STEEL!
SHOW ME.
LET ME FEEL YOUR SORROW.
THE SAME TEARS YOU SHED.
I WILL ALSO SHED TEARS OF BLOOD.

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EPISODE FOURTEEN,
TEARS OF BLOOD
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W-WHAT ARE THESE CORPSES!?
WE ARE THE WILL OF ZERO!
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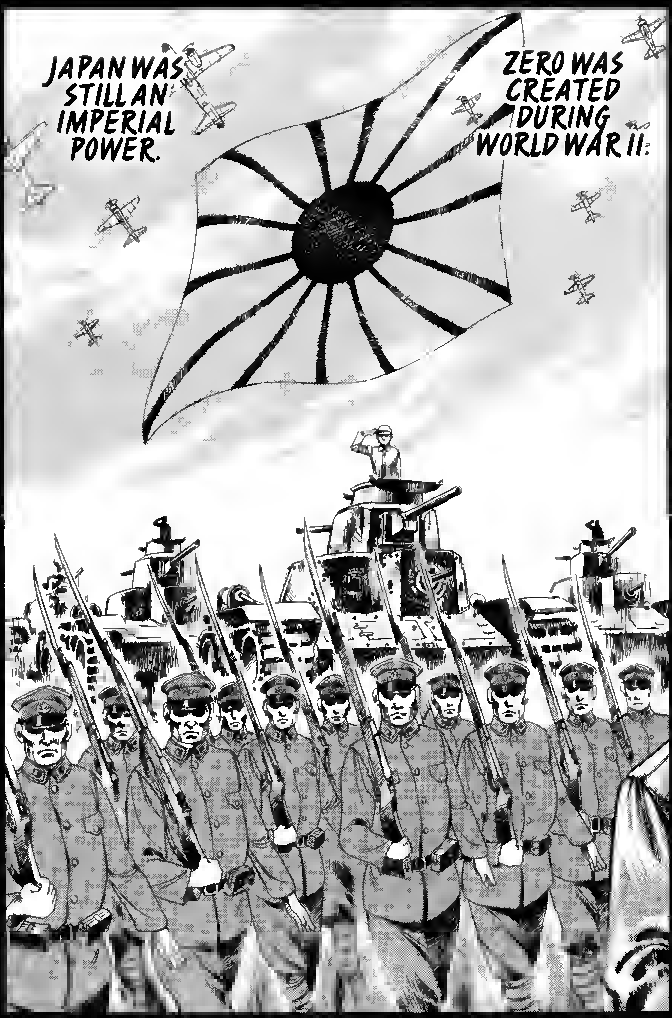
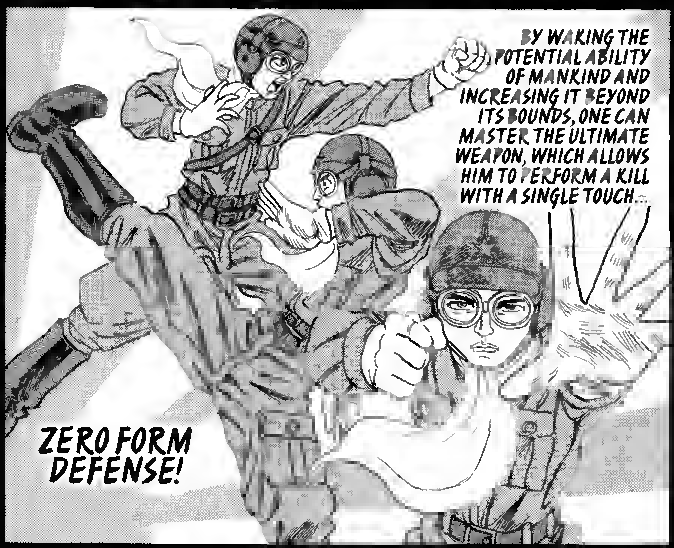
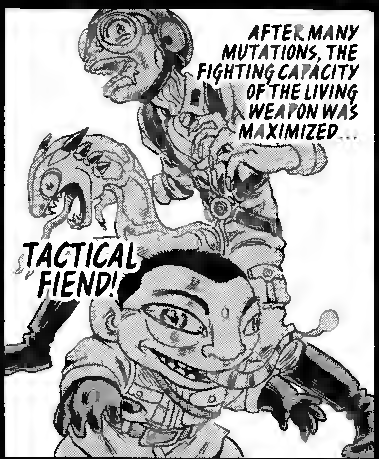
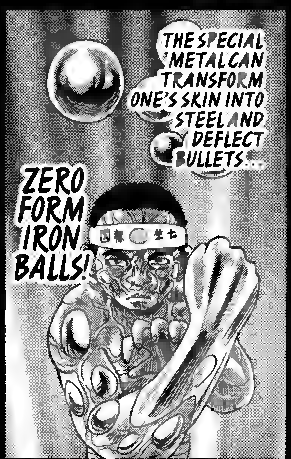

JAPAN WAS STILL AN IMPERIAL POWER.
ZERO WAS CREATED DURING WORLD WAR II.

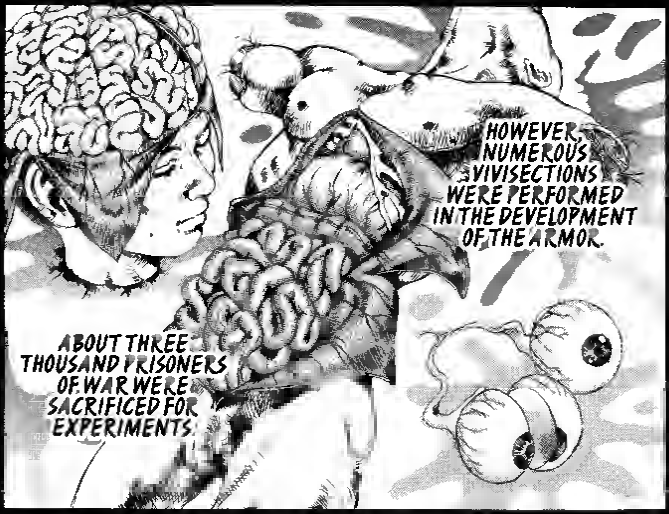
THUS, WE ARE DESTINED TO RULE THE WORLD!
THE JAPANESE ARE SUPERIOR TO OTHER RACES!
THE INSTANT DEATH SECRET SQUAD, LED BY, SHIROU HAGAKURE, WAS WORKING ON FOUR EXPERIMENTS TO TURN A HUMAN BEING INTO A POWERFUL WEAPON.


BY WAKING THE POTENTIAL ABILITY OF MANKIND AND INCREASING IT BEYOND ITS BOUNDS, ONE CAN MASTER THE ULTIMATE WEAPON, WHICH ALLOWS HIM TO PERFORM A KILL WITH A SINGLE TOUCH...
ZERO FORM DEFENSE!

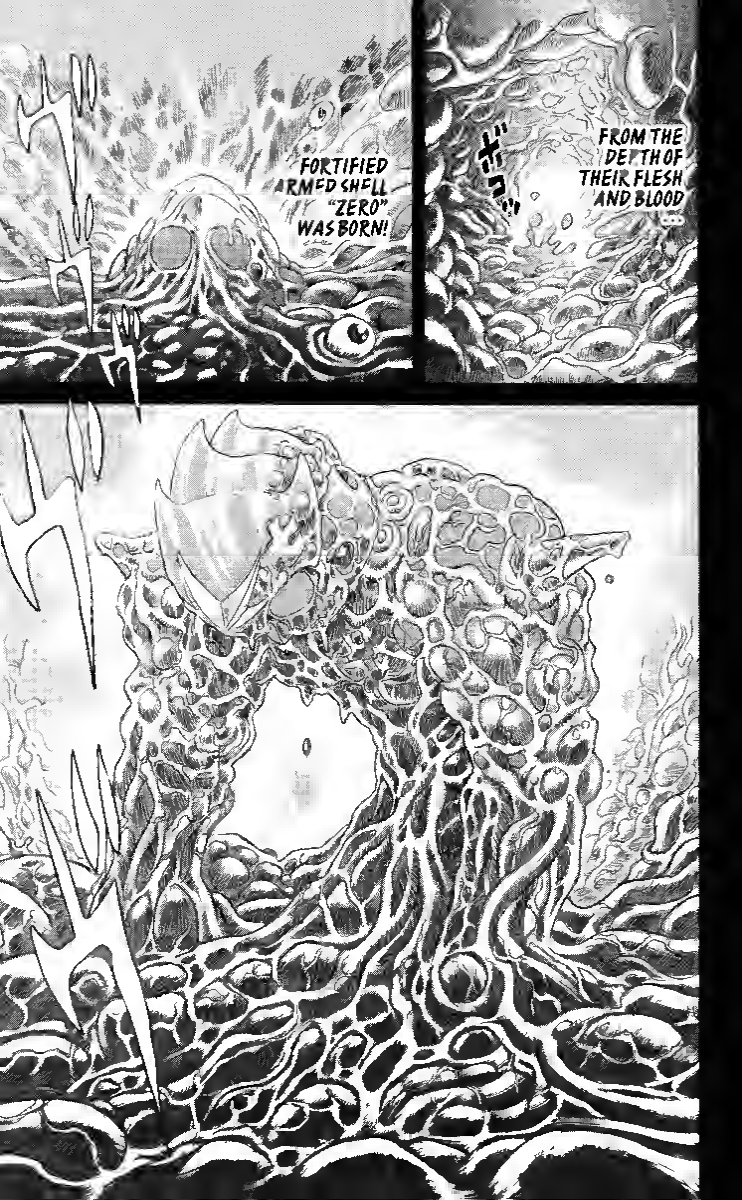

AFTER MANY MUTATIONS, THE FIGHTING CAPACITY OF THE LIVING WEAPON WAS MAXIMIZED...
TACTICAL FIEND!


THE SPECIAL METAL CAN TRANSFORM ONE'S SKIN INTO STEEL AND DEFLECT BULLETS...
ZERO FORM IRON BALLS!

FORTIFIED, ARMORED SHELL!
AND LAST!
HEAT-RESISTANT, BULLETPROOF, POISON-PROOF ARMOR! WITH THIS STRATEGIC WEAPON, ONE COULD EVEN BRING DOWN A COUNTRY!


HOWEVER, NUMEROUS VIVISECTIONS WERE PERFORMED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARMOR.
ABOUT THREE THOUSAND PRISONERS OF WAR WERE SACRIFICED FOR EXPERIMENTS.

THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS WERE IGNORED, WITHOUT AGE OR SEX, THEY WERE REFERRED TO MERELY BY NUMBER, RAW MATERIALS FOR THE EXPERIMENT.


FORTIFIED ARMED SHELL "ZERO" WAS BORN!
FROM THE DEPTH OF THEIR FLESH AND BLOOD

THE TEARS OF BLOOD ZERO SHEDS ARE THEIR TEARS OF BLOOD!
ZERO'S WILL IS THEIR PAIN!

AAAH...
KAKUGO SAW THE ARMOR'S HISTORY!
UGGGHHH...
UGGH!

THE MEANING OF THE TEARS OF BLOOD!
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW, DON'T YOU?
YOU ARE INDEED A MOST WORTHY WARRIOR!
YOU HAVE SUCH DEEP CARING
I HAVEN'T UNDER-STOOD YET!
NO!

UHAA!
HAA-AH!
WHAT!?

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UGGHHH!
I'M NOT FEELING ENOUGH PAIN!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

MY PAIN IS NOT EVEN ONE TEN THOUSANDTH OF THE PAIN YOU SUFFER!

STOP IT! KAKUGO HAGAKURE!
STOP IT!
TO SHED THE SAME TEARS AS YOURS, I MUST SUFFER THE SAME PAIN
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THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL TEARS OF BLOOD!

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BECAME A FLASH OF LIGHT!

IT WAS THE NINETIETH DAY SINCE HARARA AND KAKUGO ENTERED THE CELL.
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MY CHILDREN HAVE EARNED THEIR ARMOR.

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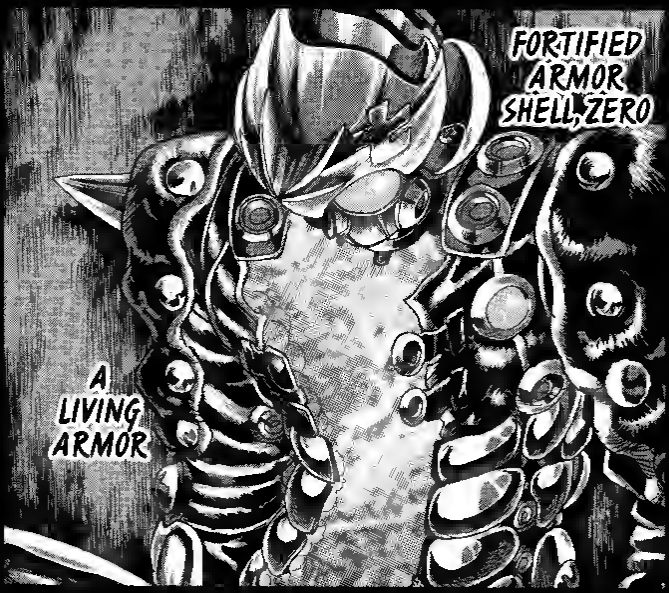
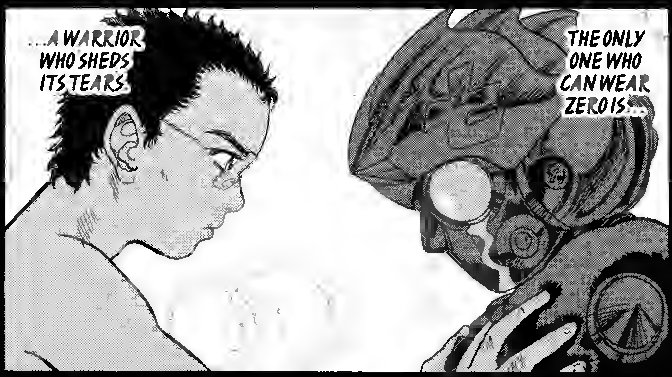
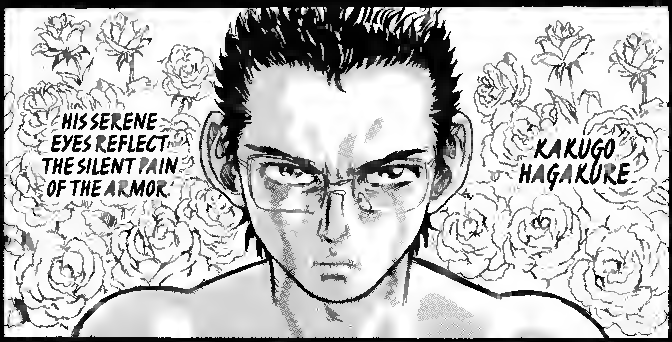
EPISODE FIFTEEN, JUSTICE IS BORN


FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, ZERO
A LIVING ARMOR

INSIDE ZERO RESIDE INFINITE SUFFERINGS.





KAKUGO'S COMPASSION TURNS ZERO'S PAIN INTO A WARM LIGHT!

ARMING COMPLETED!
THEIR HEARTS BECAME ONE!

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CALL A HUMAN AN OBJECT!
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IS BORN

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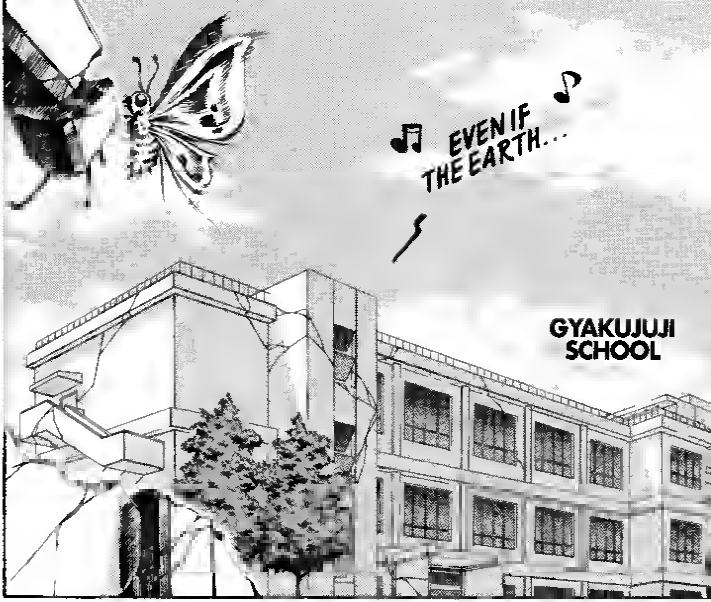
JUSTICE

PHEW...

NOW TELL US ABOUT THE MONSTER YOU FOUGHT
OKAY, SO WE KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOU NOW
HAGAKURE
BESIDES THE MONSTER THAT ATTACKED THE SCHOOL...
I HEARD THAT A MAN-EATING MONSTER ATTACKED HAOKA AND HORIE
...IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT THOSE TWO MONSTERS WERE
I DO NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT, HOWEVER

HARARA?
ISN'T HE YOUR...
YES, HE IS MY BROTHER.
...TACTICAL FIENDS SPAWNED BY HARARA!
...CREATED TO SERVE THE NEW EMPIRE...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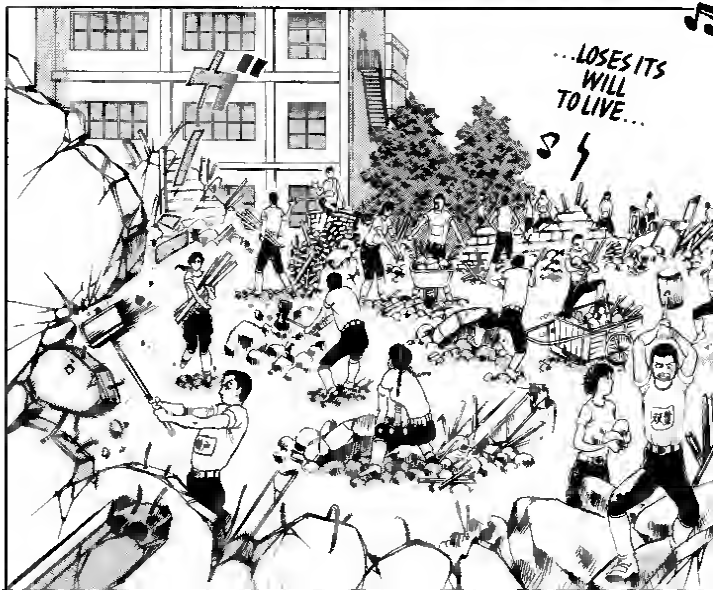
...LOSES ITS WILL TO LIVE...

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...THE SONG OF COURAGE
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...JUST REMEMBER...
YEAH, SEEMS LIKE HE'S GOT SOME DARK SECRET IN HIS PAST.
HE'S BEING EXAMINED RIGHT NOW
LISTEN, THAT BOY YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON, HAGAKURE
EXAMINED?
IT'S NOT DIFFERENT.
THE WORLD HE LIVES IN MAY BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD WE LIVE IN
YOU CAN SEE IN HIS EYES THAT HE'S SUFFERING.

EVERYONE HAS THEIR FLAWS.
HE ISN'T SOMEONE WHO LIVES ABOVE THE CLOUDS.
HUH?
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AH!
IT'S HAGAKURE!
HAGAKURE!

I AM BACK FROM MY INTERVIEW.
WHAT THE HELL TOOK SO SONG?
LOOK AT THIS TRAGEDY.
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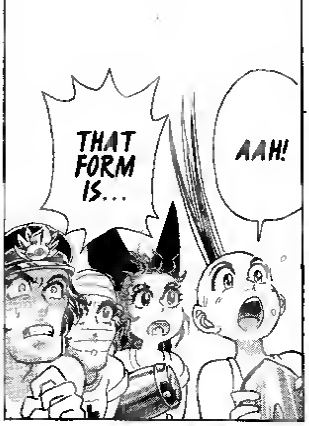
WHOSE FAULT IS THIS?
MINE.
IF YOU KNOW THAT...
WHY DON'T YOU TRANSFORM YOURSELF INTO A SUPER HERO AND CLEAN UP THIS MESS AT ONCE?
YES, SIR.
YES, SIR.?


THAT FORM IS...
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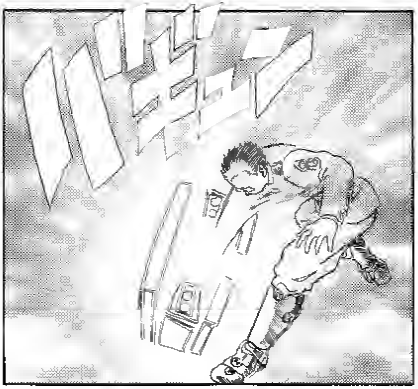
H-HEY...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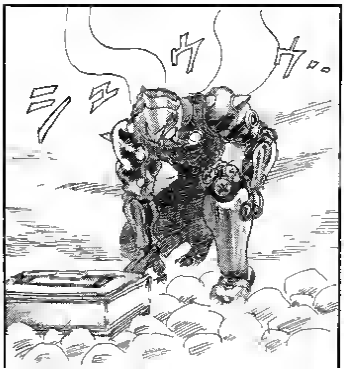
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HE REALLY DID IT...
IT'S THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, ZERO!

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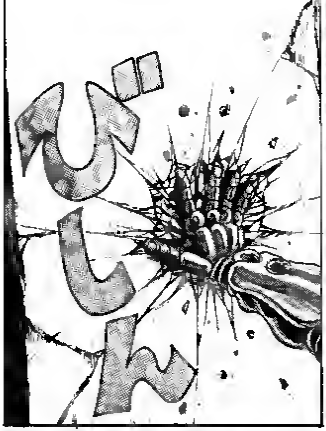
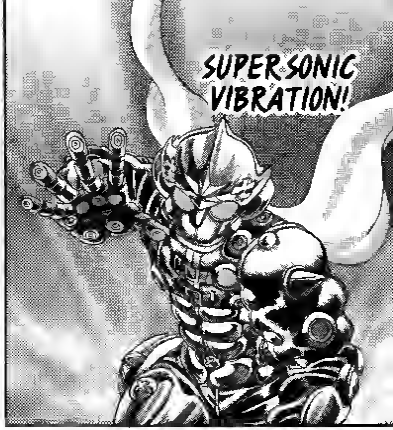
Y-YES!
MISS HORIE, PLEASE STAND BACK.

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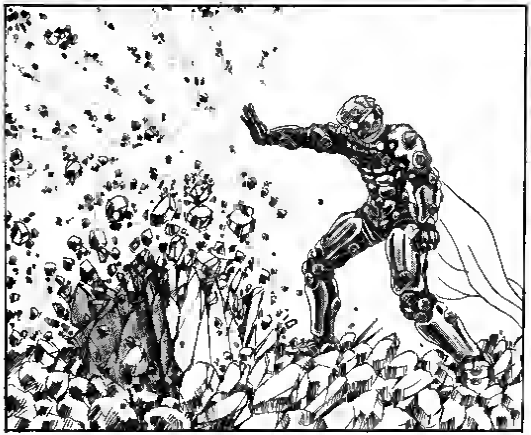

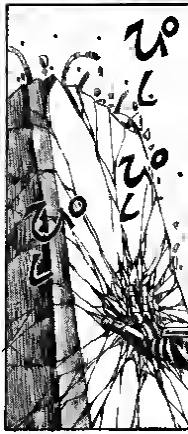

HE BROKE THE CONCRETE PILLARS INTO PIECES!
COOL!
OH!

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ULTRA VIOLET WAVE!
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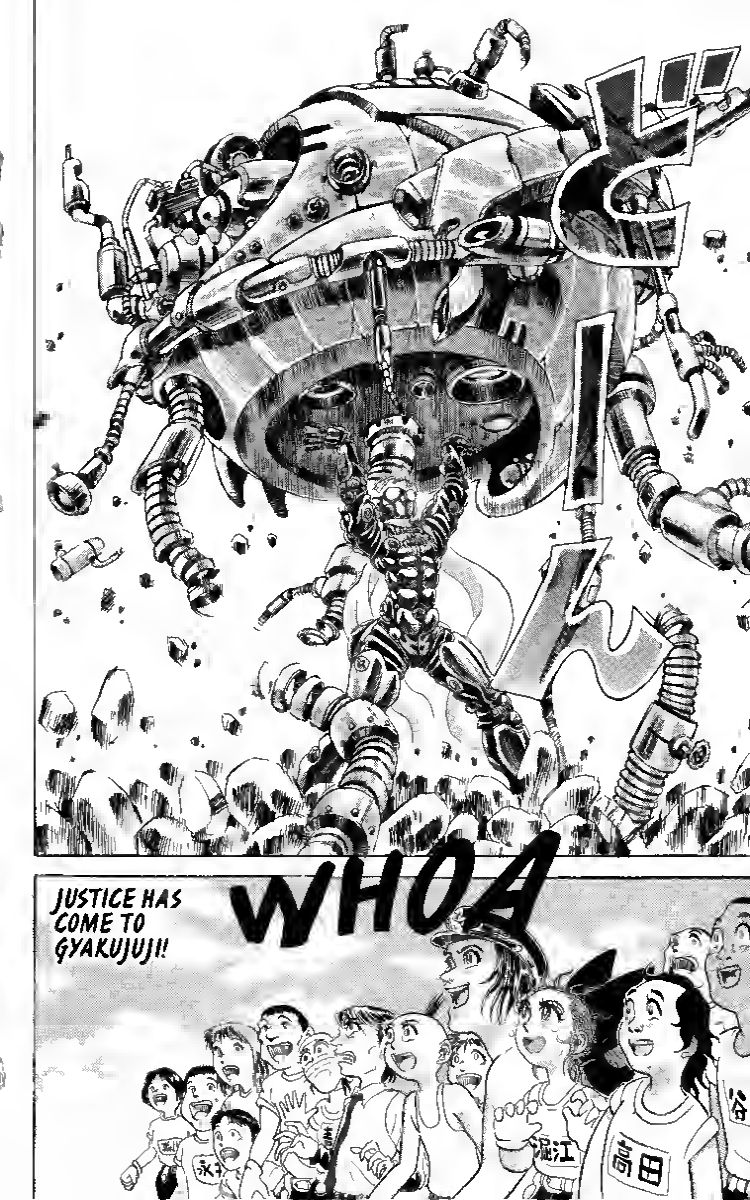
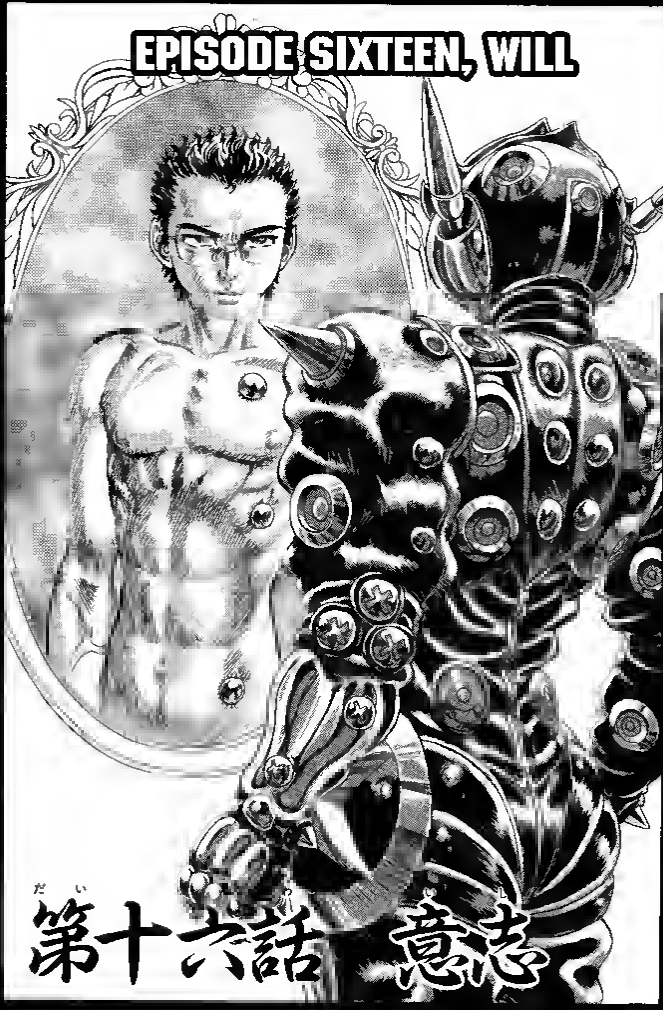
HE CUT THROUGH THOSE STEEL BEAMS LIKE BUTTER!
MY GOSH, HE'S SO COOL!


WHOA
JUSTICE HAS COME TO GYAKUJUJI!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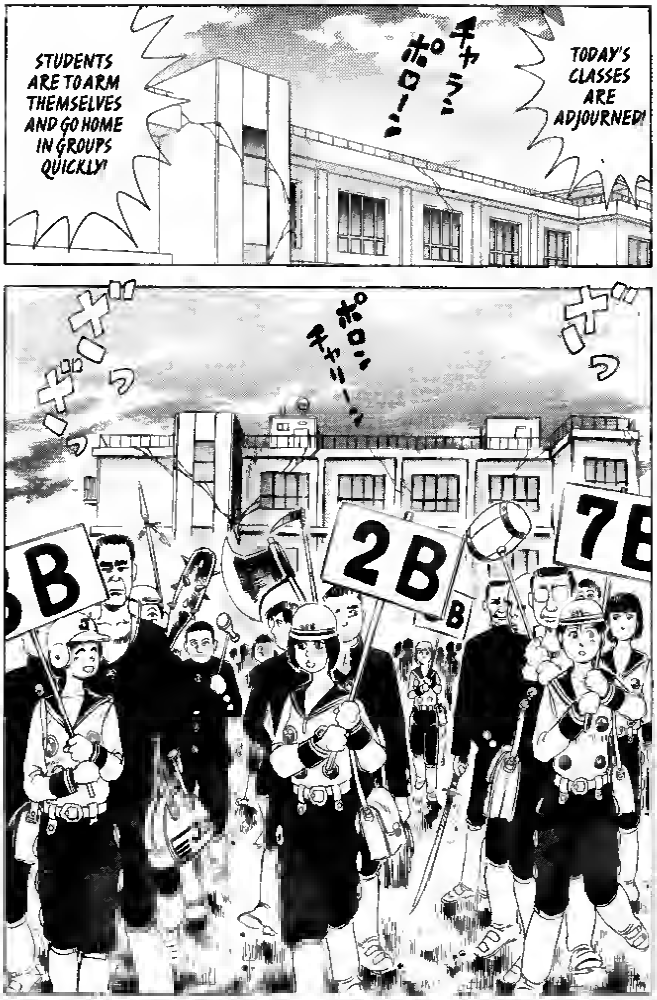
TODAY'S CLASSES ARE ADJOURNED!
チャラ〜ン ポロ〜ン
STUDENTS ARE TO ARM THEMSELVES AND GO HOME IN GROUPS QUICKLY!
ポロン チャラ〜ン
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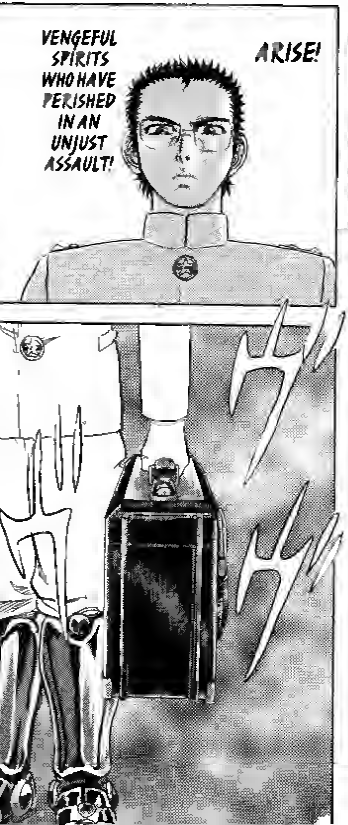
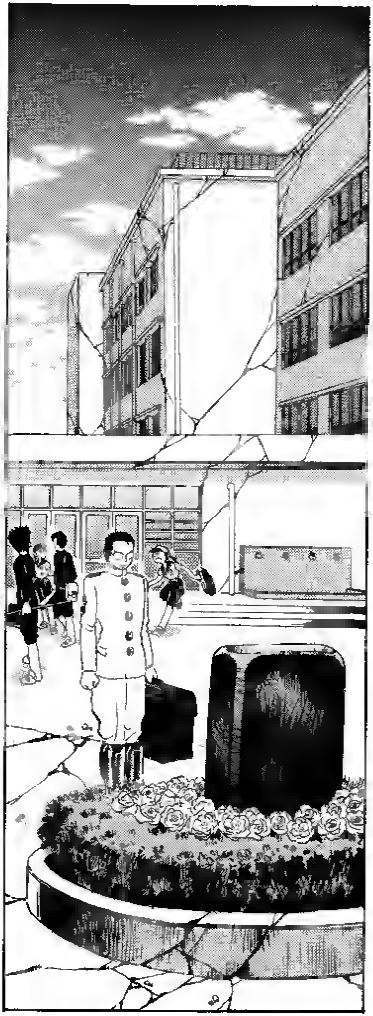
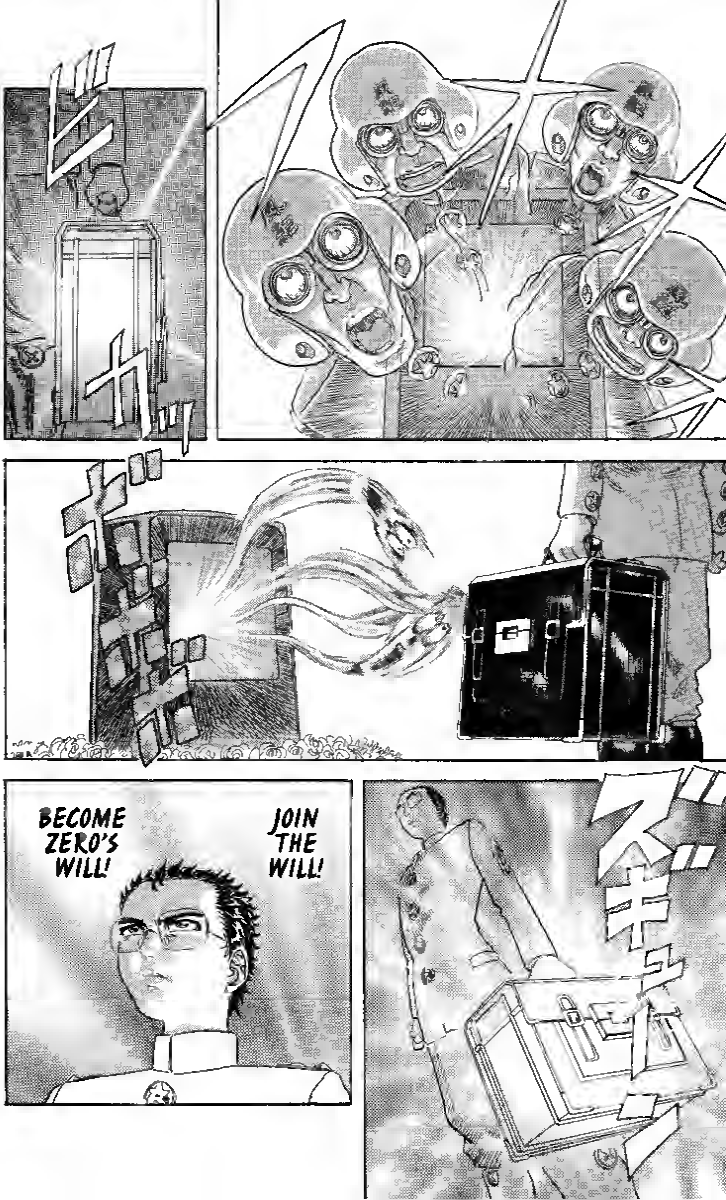
MAY THESE FOUR BRAVE STUDENTS WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR SCHOOL REST IN PEACE.


VENGEFUL SPIRITS WHO HAVE PERISHED IN AN UNJUST ASSAULT!
ARISE!




BECOME ZERO'S WILL!
JOIN THE WILL!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
WHAT POWER!
HE CLEARED AWAY ALL THE DEBRIS OF THE POOL IN JUST HALF A DAY
JUST AS I EXPECTED FROM HAGAKURE, HE'S THE BEST!
1P
ARRGH!
I WANT ARMOR, TOO!
YOU'RE SO COOL, HAGAKURE.
YOU TOO, ZERO.

WE GOTTA HURRY UP AND GET HOME BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN!
PYON-SUKE!
HORIE!
BESIDES, THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF US IN OUR GROUP
THERE ARE MONSTERS IN THIS CITY
THAT HURT!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PULL MY RIBBON!
HAGA-KURE!
HAGA-KURE!
!
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU

HEHE...

HEHE...

HEHE...

HAGAKURE IS RIGHT BEHIND ME.
I'M SO HAPPY!♥
THIS FEELS GREAT!
AND ZERO IS WITH HIM, TOO. ♥
BRING IT ON, MONSTERS!
WE CAN GO HOME IN PEACE!
NOTHING CAN HURT US NOW!
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WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, HAOKA.
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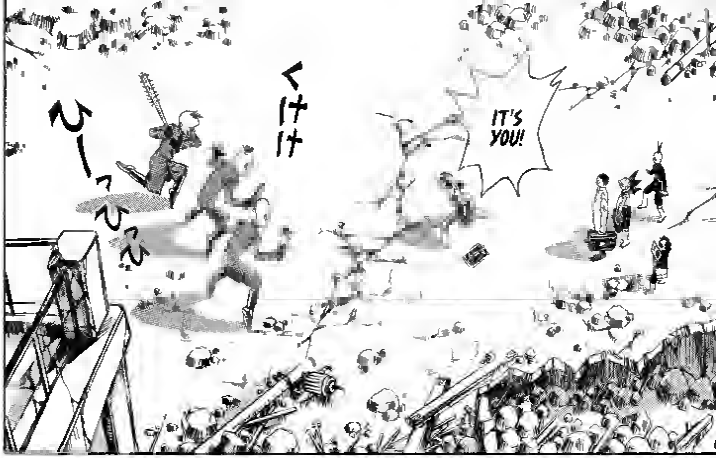
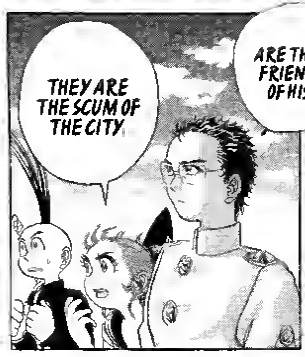

IT'S YOU!

HAOKA BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF THE GUY WITH THE WEIRD SPECS BEFORE.
GET THAT BAG FACE AWAY FROM ME!


ARE THEY FRIENDS OF HIS?
THEY ARE THE SCUM OF THE CITY.

HAHA!

HAOKA!
I'LL PAY YOU BACK FOR LAST TIME!

HUH?
I HAVE A SECRET WEAPON ON MY SIDE!
YOU PATHETIC FOOLS!
GO! ENGAGE!
ALL RIGHT, HAGAKURE! LET'S KICK THEIR BUTTS!
UH-OH
YOUR OPPONENT IS CHALLENGING YOU TO SINGLE COMBAT
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS

YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND THAT'S WHY WE WILL WATCH OVER YOU FROM HERE
I'M YOUR FRIEND, AREN'T I?
YOU'RE SHITTING ME!
YOU MOTHER-
YOU'VE GOT SOME FRIENDS! HAOKA!
AHAHAHA!
IT IS JUST THE NATURE OF WEAKLINGS TO ATTACK IN NUMBERS
COME ON, HAGAKURE! THERE ARE THREE OF THEM!

THEY'VE GOT WEAPONS!
WE'LL DICE N' SLICE!
AAAAH!
IT SHOWS THEY RESPECT YOUR SKILL.
GGH!
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DAMN YOU, HAGAKURE!

SHIT!
EAT THIS!
EVERYONE HAS BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH THEIR VEINS
HE'S BLEEDING!
NO!
AH!
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TAKE THIS!
FGH!

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MY ASS!
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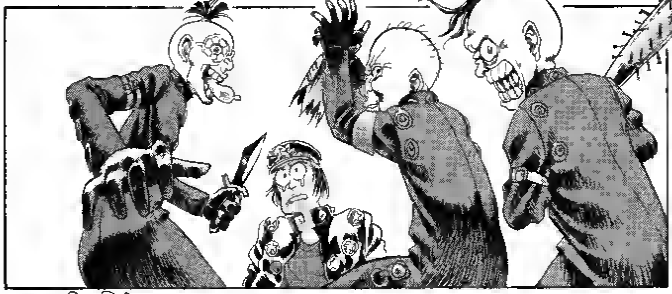
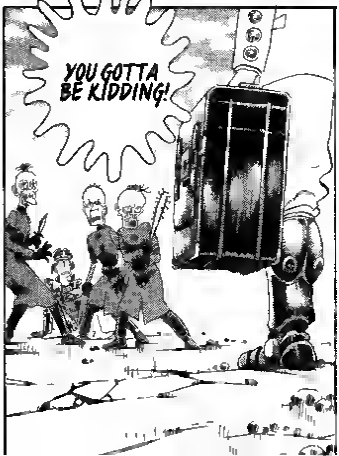
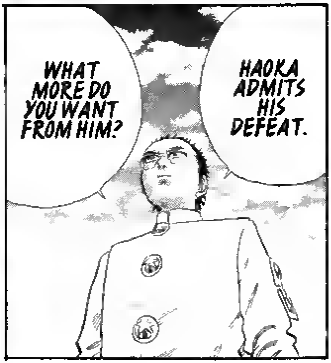
SERVES YOU RIGHT!

ENOUGH!




YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!


WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FROM HIM?
HAOKA ADMITS HIS DEFEAT.

HE'LL BE OUR PLAYTHING!
THE FUN PART HAS JUST STARTED!
PLAYTHING...
AAH!
ZERO...

NO ONE SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE AN OBJECT!

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SULFURIC ACID!
HUH!?
WHAT THE FUCK IS HE?
WE'D BETTER RUN!

IF YOU WERE GONNA TRANSFORM IN THE END ANYWAY...
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAVE ME SOONER?
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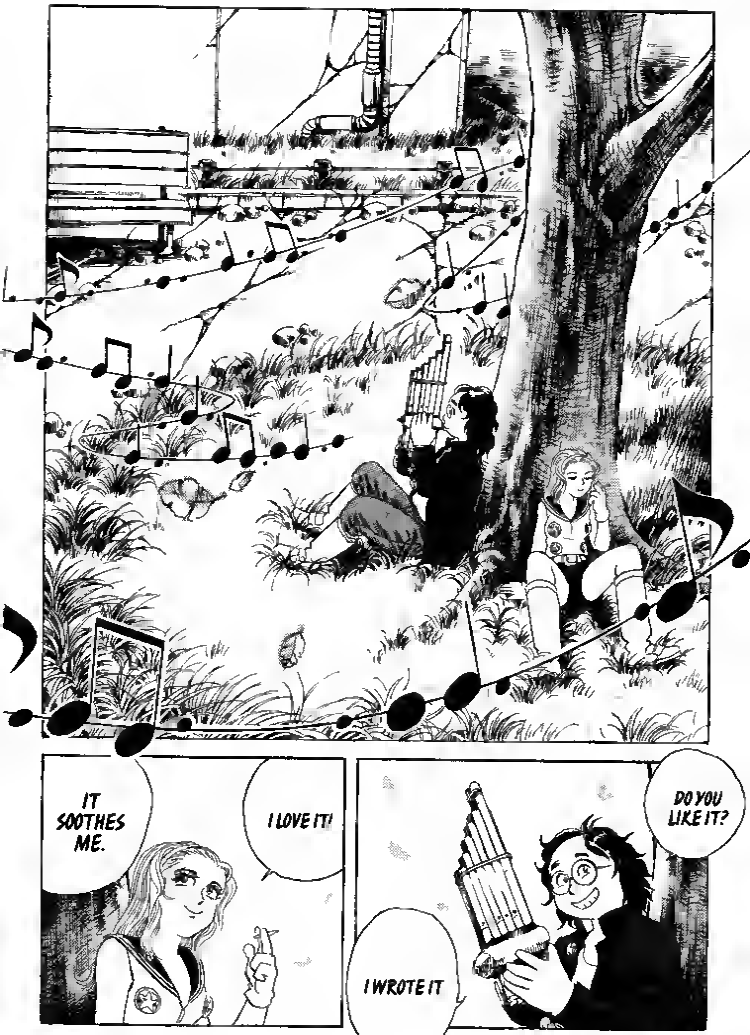
YO, HAGAKURE!
ARE YOU OKAY?
IT WAS NOT MY DECISION.
IT WAS THE WILL OF ZERO.

EPISODE SEVENTEEN,
MARTIAL LAW
第十七話
戒厳令


IT SOOTHES ME.
I LOVE IT!
DO YOU LIKE IT?
I WROTE IT

I CALL IT, "THE MELODY OF LIFE"
HEY!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!
YOU THINK SO?
MAYBE THIS IS YOUR CALLING, MASAO
REALLY?
A BUD!
IT'S A MIRACLE!

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YOU SUCK
YOUR SONG...
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AAAHH!——
KAORI! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
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AH!
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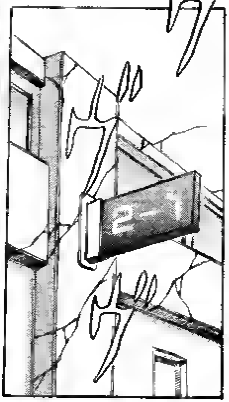
YOU AIN'T GOT NO FEELING FOR ROCK N' ROLL.
AAAHH!
NAAAO!
AAAAA AAAAA AAHHH HHHHH!
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD!

WHAT'S THIS SOUND?
IT'S CREEPY
IT MUST BE ZENIGATA'S SNORING



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ZENIGATA SOUNDS MORE LIKE "ZZZZZ".
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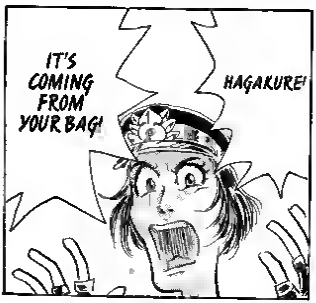
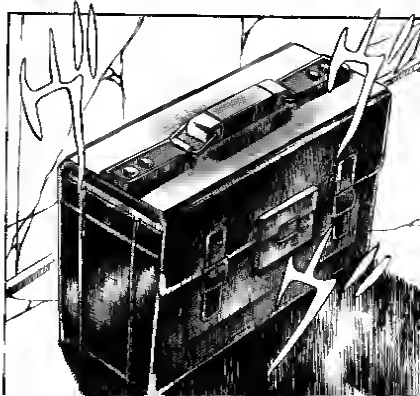
NO, IT'S NOT.


IT'S COMING FROM YOUR BAG!
HAGAKURE!



AN ATTACK IS IN PROGRESS!
ZERO. WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HAGAKURE?
WHO IS HE TALKING TO?
IS THAT TRUE?
WITHIN A 30 METER RADIUS!
H-HEY!
HAGA-KURE!
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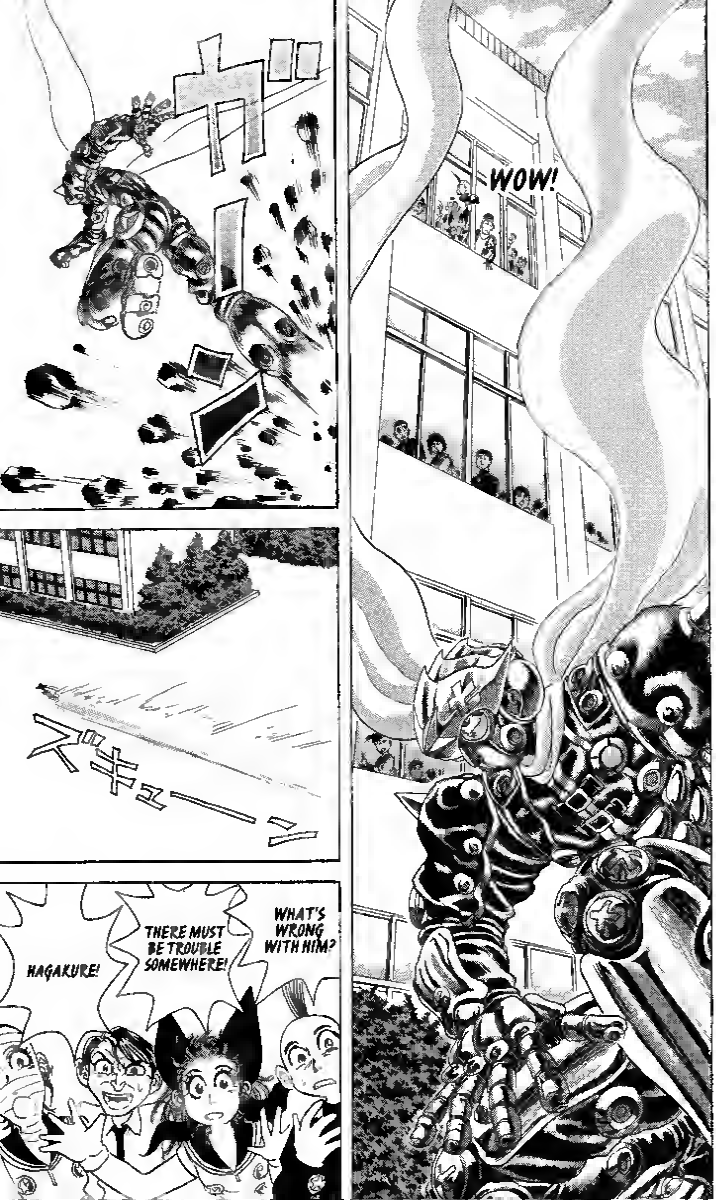
EEEK!
HE MUST BE TALKING WITH ZERO
IT'S ZERO!

IT'S SUICIDE!
AAH!
ENGAGE!
WHY DID HE...
THAT IDIOT!


WOW!
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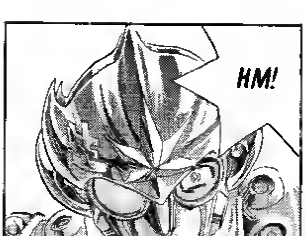
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
THERE MUST BE TROUBLE SOMEWHERE!
HAGAKURE!


HM!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
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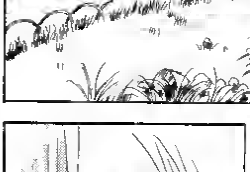

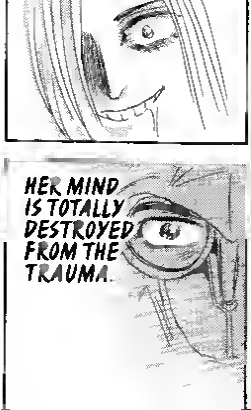
HER MIND IS TOTALLY DESTROYED FROM THE TRAUMA.

TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.
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THIS IS ANOTHER ASSAULT!
CURSES!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
HAGAKURE!
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DECLARE MARTIAL LAW IMMEDIATELY
IT HAS HAPPENED AGAIN
A MURDER HAS OCCURRED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE ASSAILANT REMAINS ON THE PREMISES!
I'M SCARED!
OH NO!
HEAR THAT? A MURDERER IS ON CAMPUS!
STUDENTS ARE TO ARM THEMSELVES AND GO HOME IN GROUPS AT ONCE!
WHAT THE
I WISH I KNEW KARATE LIKE HAGAKURE
YAH!

WOMEN SHOULD BE GRACEFUL.
I TOTALLY AGREE
HAGA-KURE
HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR WOMEN
HUH?
LONG-HANDLED SWORDS ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR WOMEN.
OF COURSE, HE IS
HAGAKURE, YOU'RE GOING HOME WITH US AGAIN, RIGHT?
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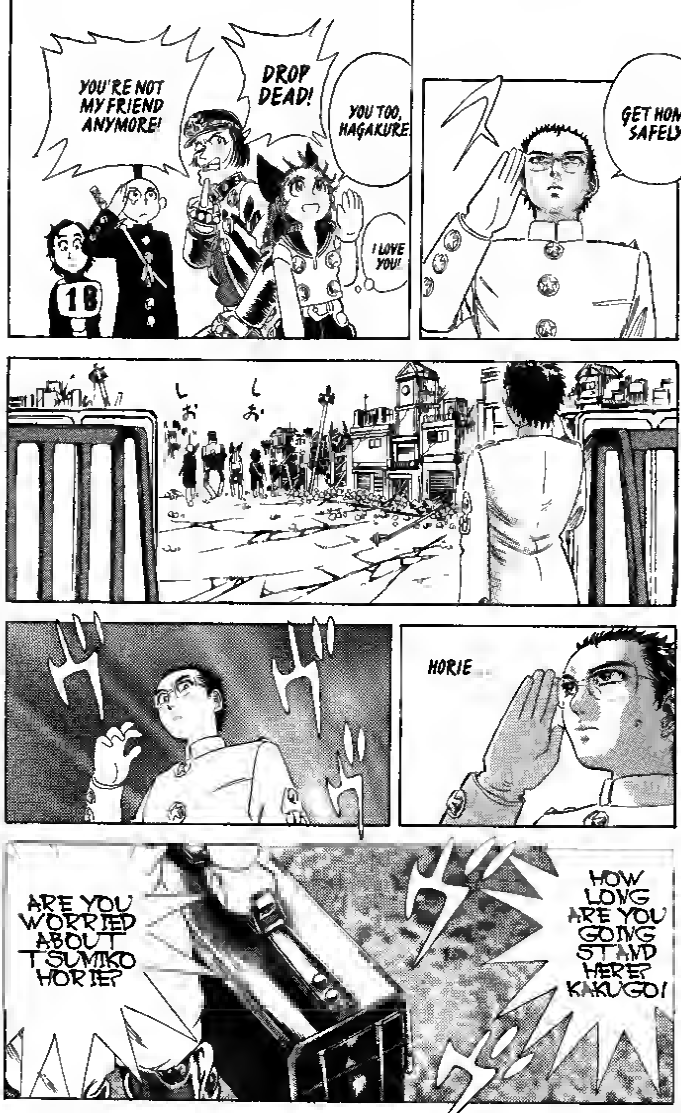
I MUST GO INVESTIGATE THE CRIME.


YOU'RE NOT MY FRIEND ANYMORE!
DROP DEAD!
YOU TOO, HAGAKURE
I LOVE YOU!
GET HOME SAFELY.
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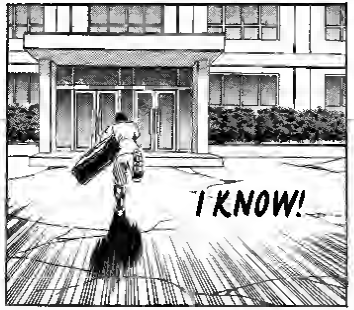
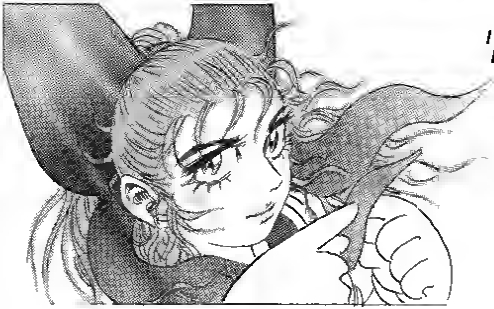
HORIE...
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT TSUMIKO HORIE?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING STAND HERE? KAKUGO!

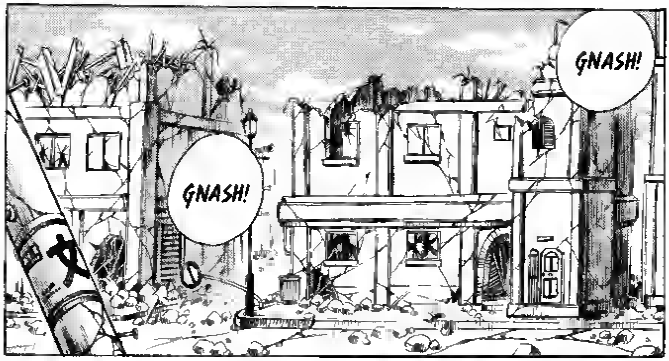
DO NOT FORGET, KAKUGO!
YOU ARE NOT HERE TO PROTECT ANY SINGLE PERSON!

I'M WORRIED ABOUT EVERYONE!

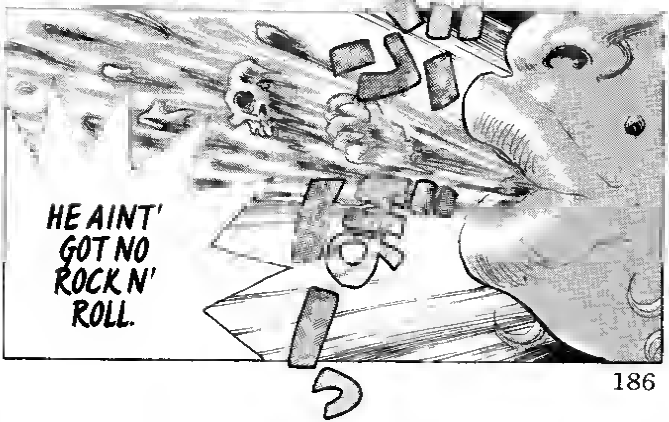
I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT!


I KNOW!


I MUST NOT LET MY HEART SWAY ME.


GNASH!
GNASH!

NO GOOD...


HE AINT' GOT NO ROCK N' ROLL.

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THOSE LOSERS AT THAT SCHOOL SUCK.
どべっ
LIVING BY STUPID RULES...
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ぼよよん
...LETTING ADULTS TELL THEM HOW TO ACT...
THEY'VE LOST SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT.
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PERSONALITY.
ROCK N' ROLL IS ALL ABOUT PERSONALITY.
THAT'S WHY I HATE UNIFORMS!
ポコ
I NEED SOME MUNCHIES.
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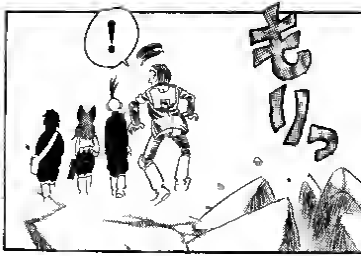
TACTICAL FIEND
DOKUMAGURO

SERIOUSLY, HAGAKURE IS HISTORY!
WILL YOU STOP SAYING THAT?

AAAAHHHH!
HUH?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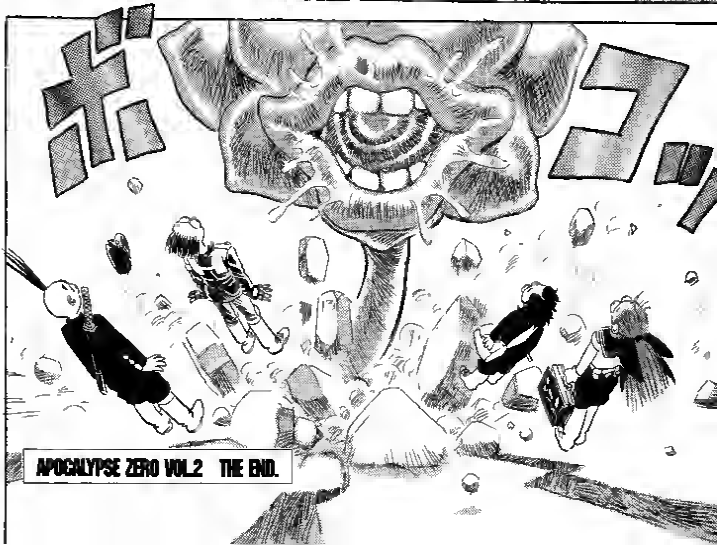
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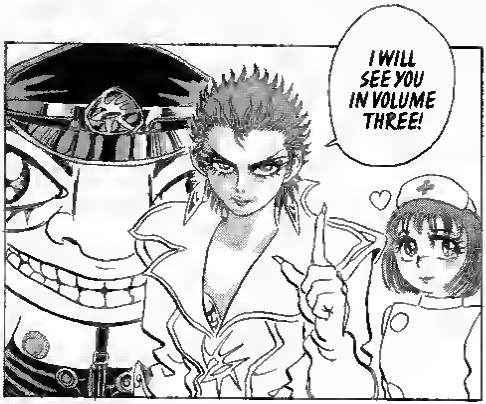

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